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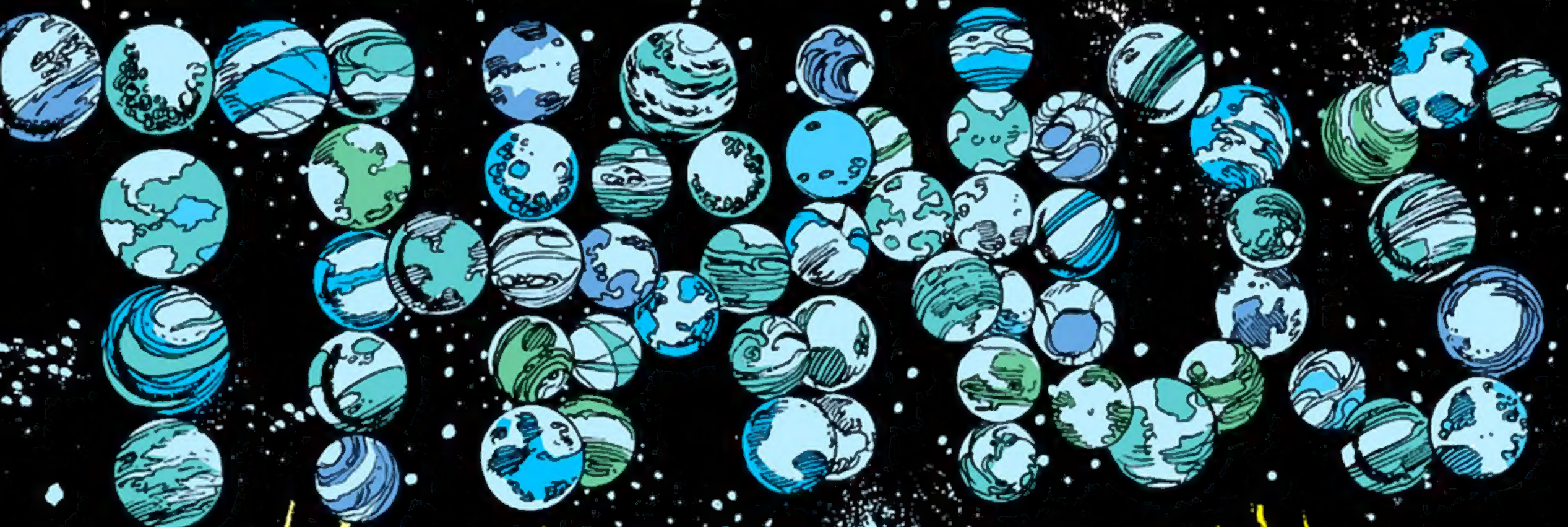
**CALL TO
ARMS!**



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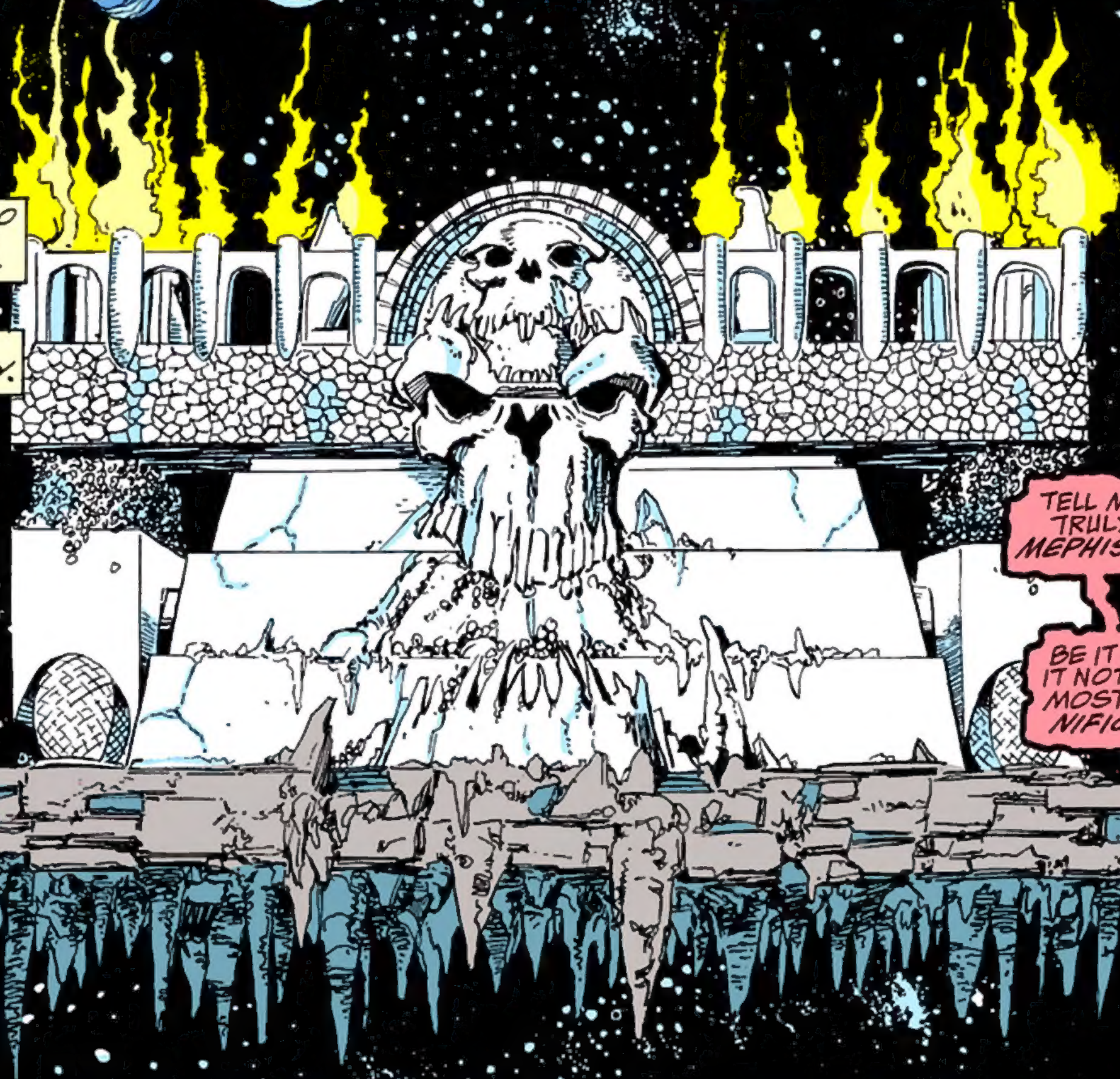
STAN LEE ^{THE} INFINITY GAUNTLET
PRESENTS



INFINITE
POWER
AT PLAY.

AN EGO
GONE
WILD.

DEPRAVED
CREATIVITY.



TELL ME
TRULY
MEPHISTO.

BE IT OR BE
IT NOT ART
MOST MAG-
NIFICENT?

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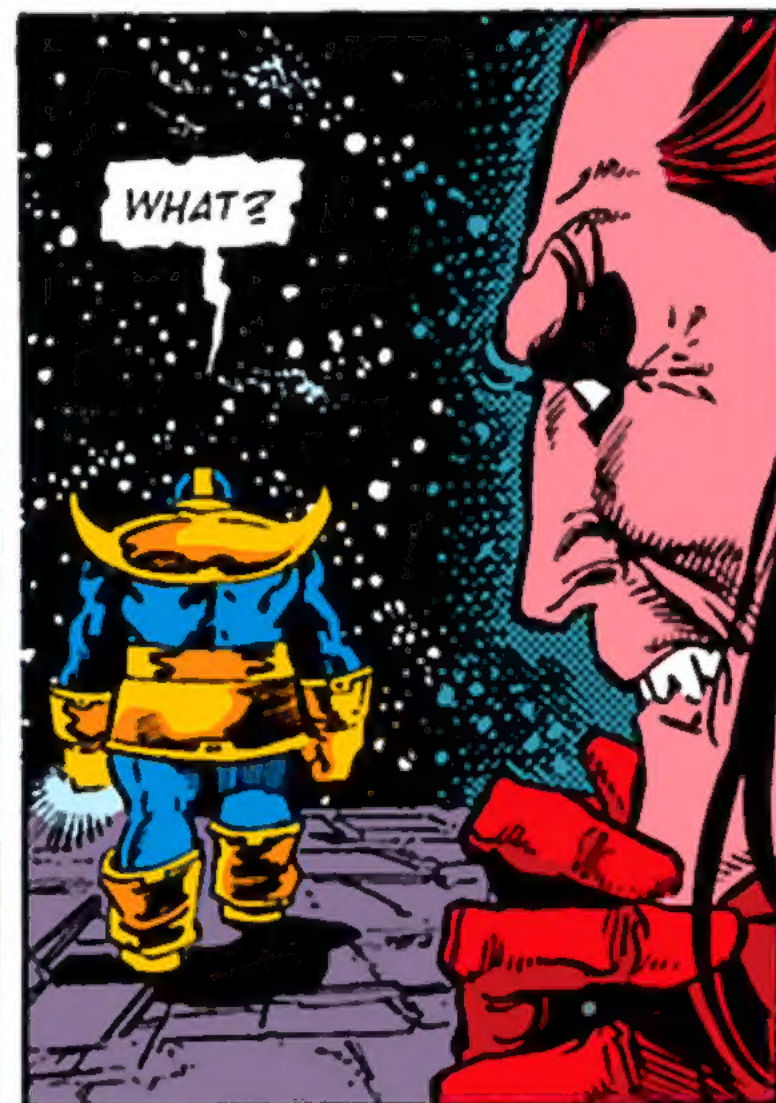
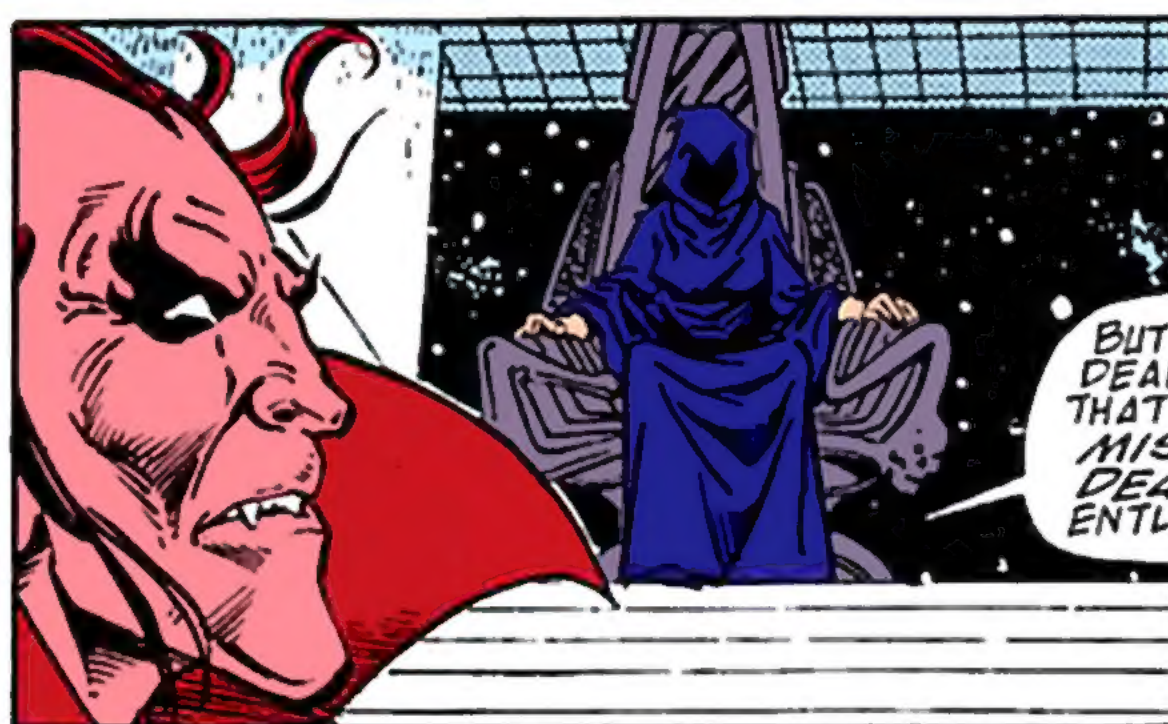
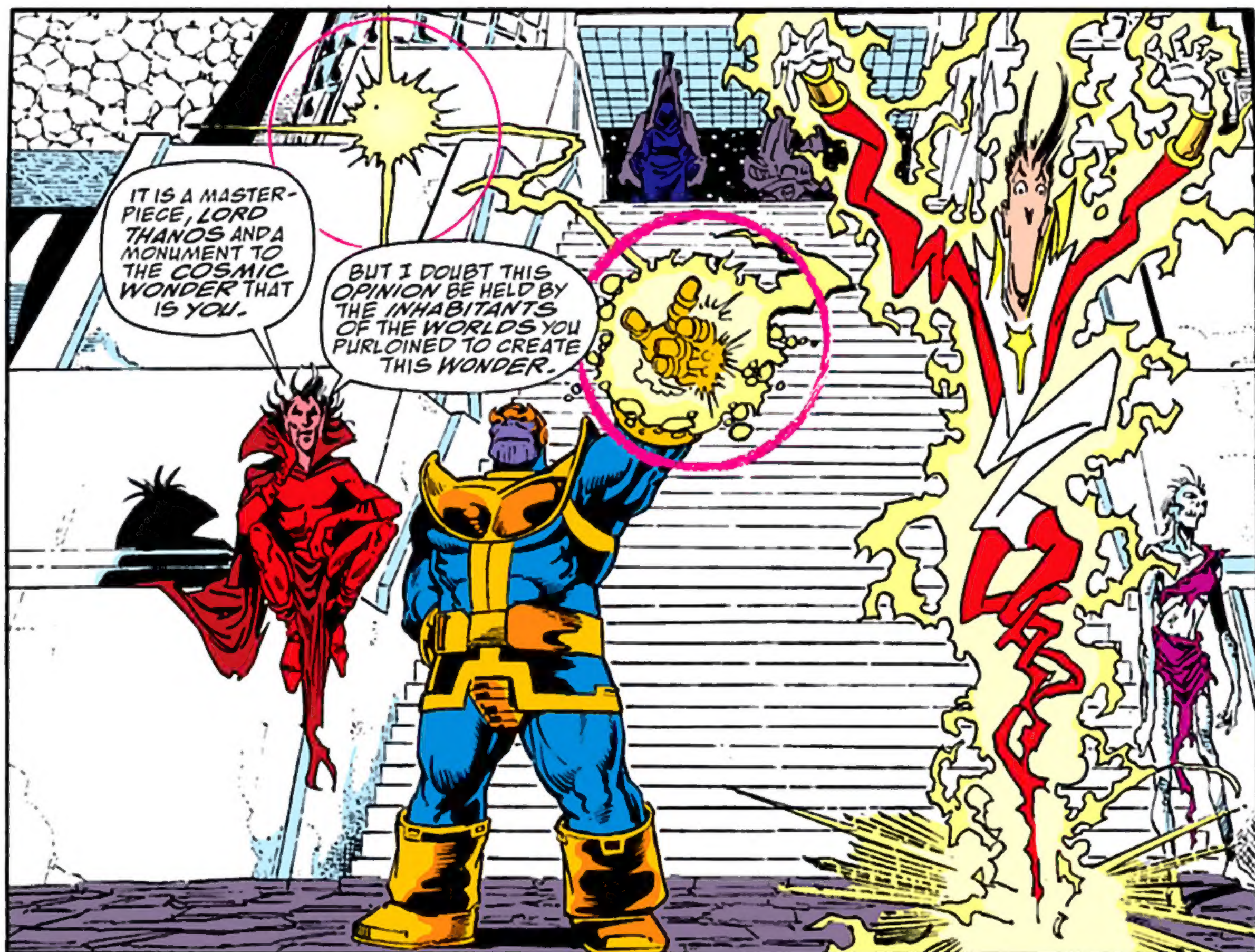
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YES! WE'RE
ALL STILL
HERE!!

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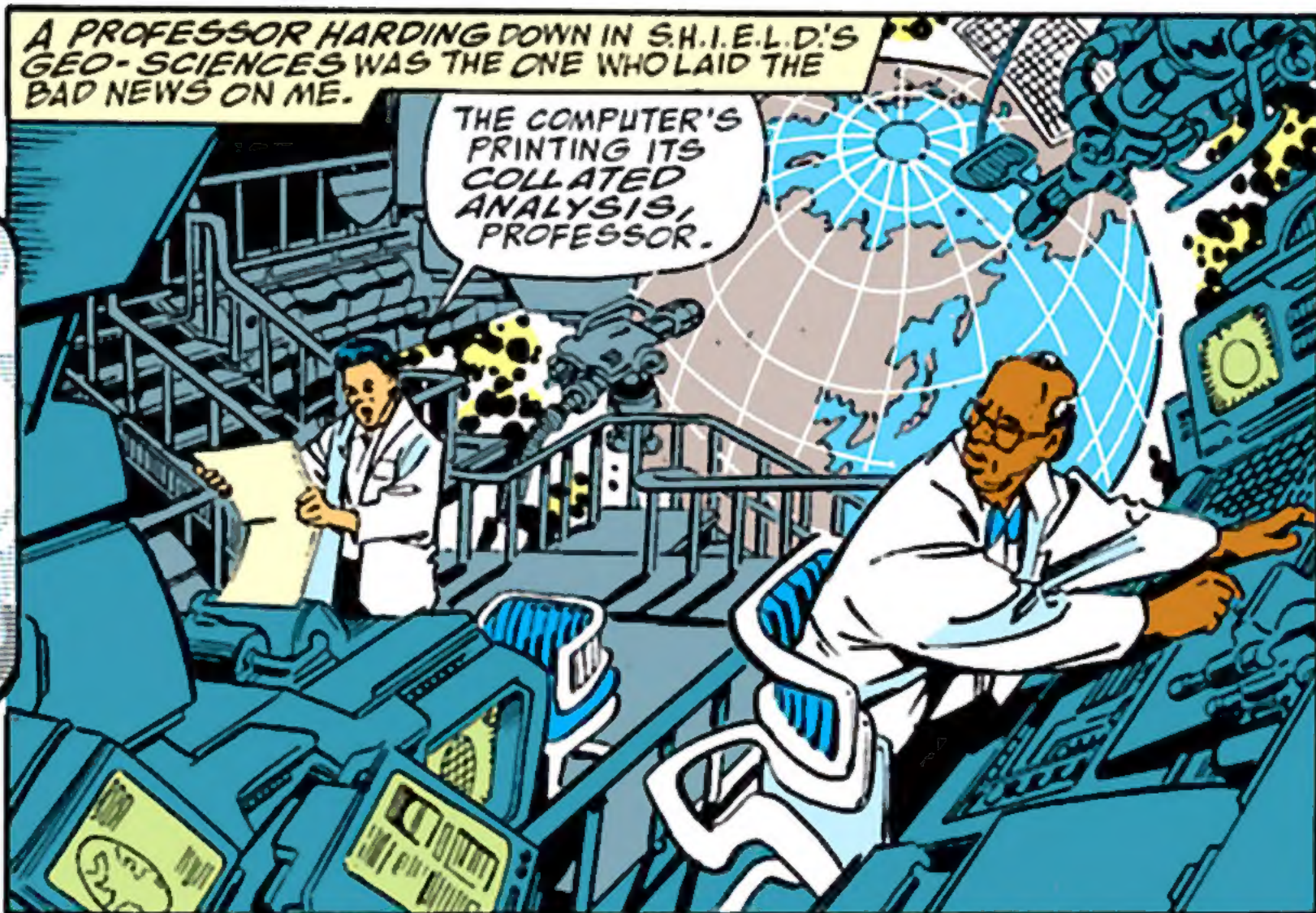


EARTHQUAKES, TIDAL WAVES,
VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS, CITIES
BURNING: I THOUGHT THINGS
WERE AS BAD AS THEY COULD
GET FOR OL' MOTHER EARTH.



A PROFESSOR HARDING DOWN IN S.H.I.E.L.D.'S
GEO-SCIENCES WAS THE ONE WHO LAID THE
BAD NEWS ON ME.

THE COMPUTER'S
PRINTING ITS
COLLATED
ANALYSIS,
PROFESSOR.



MY GOD!

IT'S EVEN WORSE
THAN I FEARED--!



BUT I WAS
WRONG.



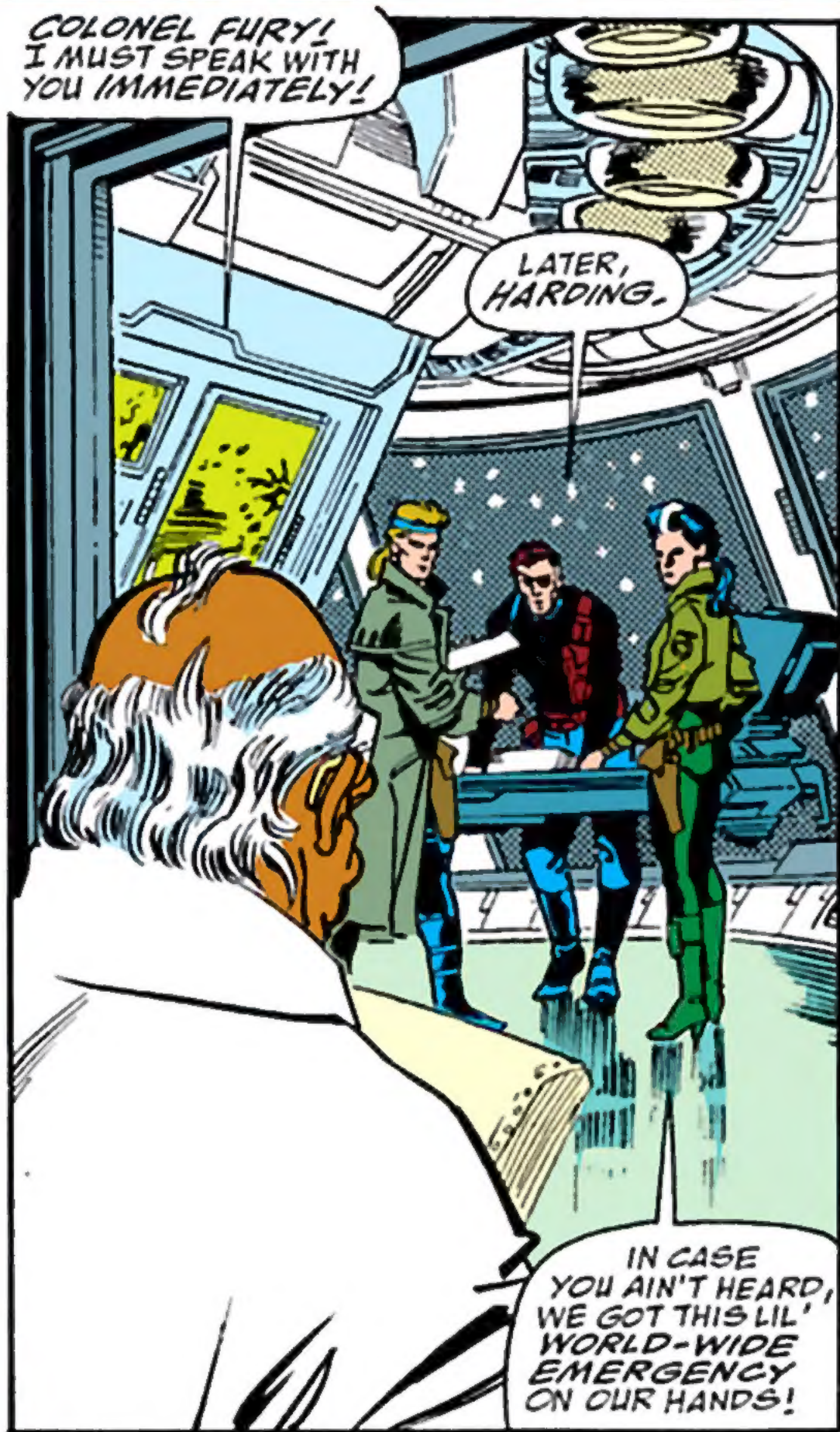
COLONEL FURY!
I MUST SPEAK WITH
YOU IMMEDIATELY!

OUT
OF THE
WAY!



GET
OUT
OF
MY
WAY!

LATER,
HARDING.



IN CASE
YOU AIN'T HEARD,
WE GOT THIS LIL'
WORLD-WIDE
EMERGENCY
ON OUR HANDS!



MORE OF AN EMERGENCY THAN EVEN YOU REALIZE!

YOU MUST LOOK AT THIS READOUT!



WHICH TELLS ME EXACTLY ZIP!

GIVE IT TO ME IN PLAIN ENGLISH AND MAKE IT QUICK.



THIS IS A COMPUTER ANALYSIS OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE STELLAR WAVE OF FORCE!

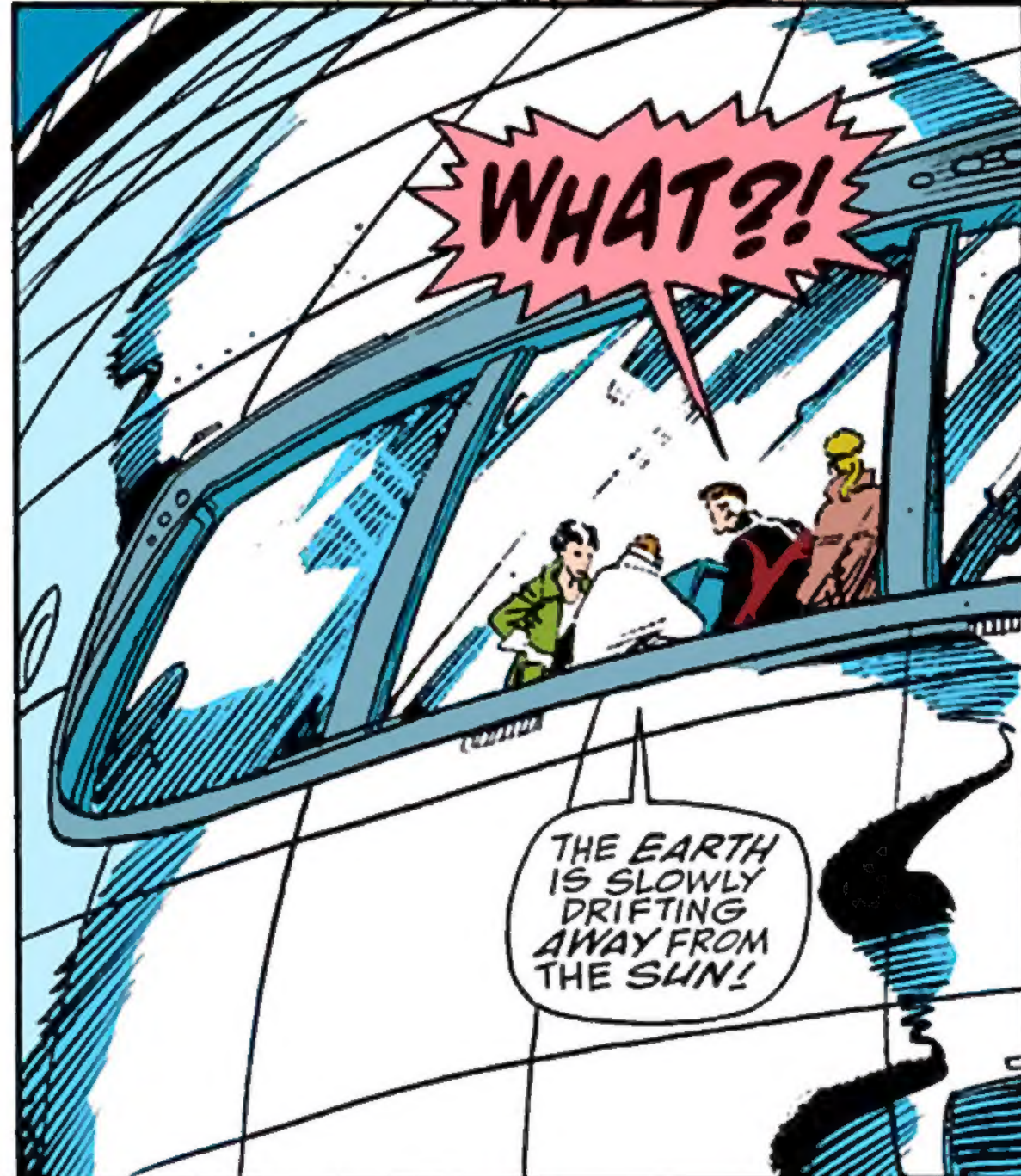
THE ONE THAT CAUSED THE EARTHQUAKES?



"I'M AFRAID THE EARTHQUAKES ARE THE LEAST OF OUR WORRIES!"



THE FORCE WAVE HAS DERAILED OUR PLANET FROM ITS SET ORBIT.



WHAT?!

THE EARTH IS SLOWLY DRIFTING AWAY FROM THE SUN!

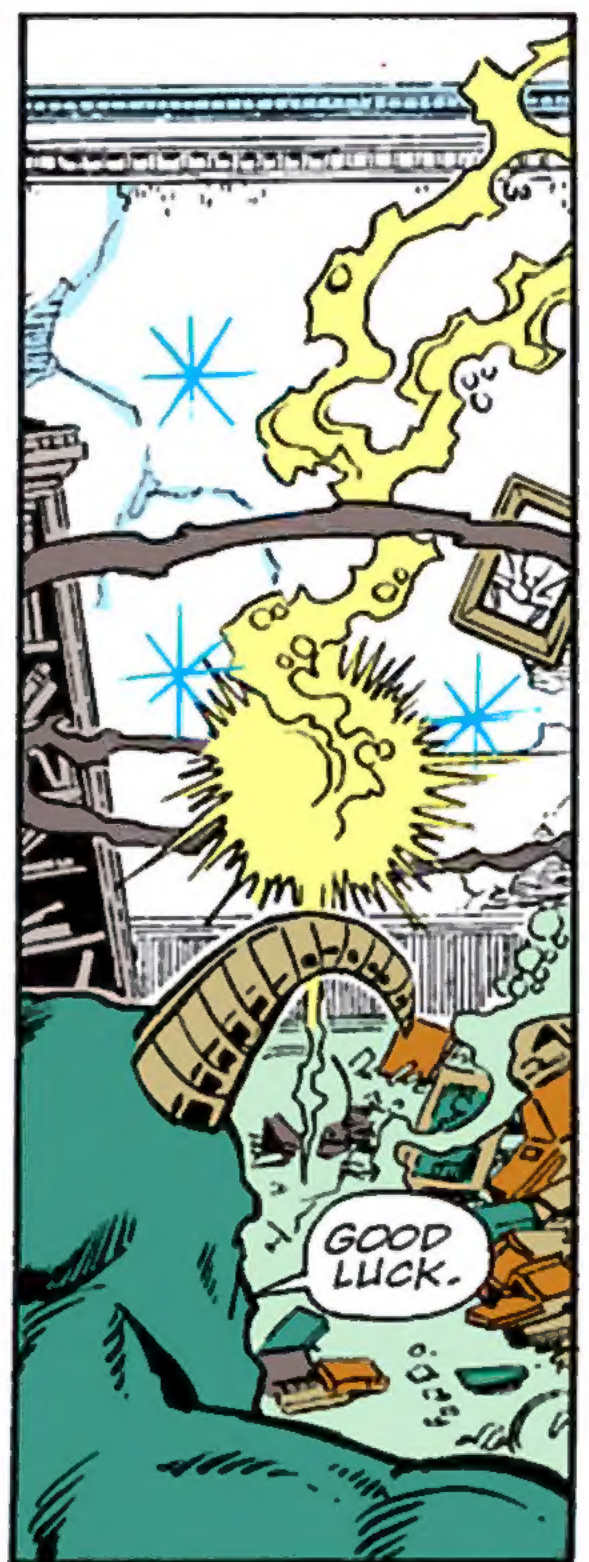
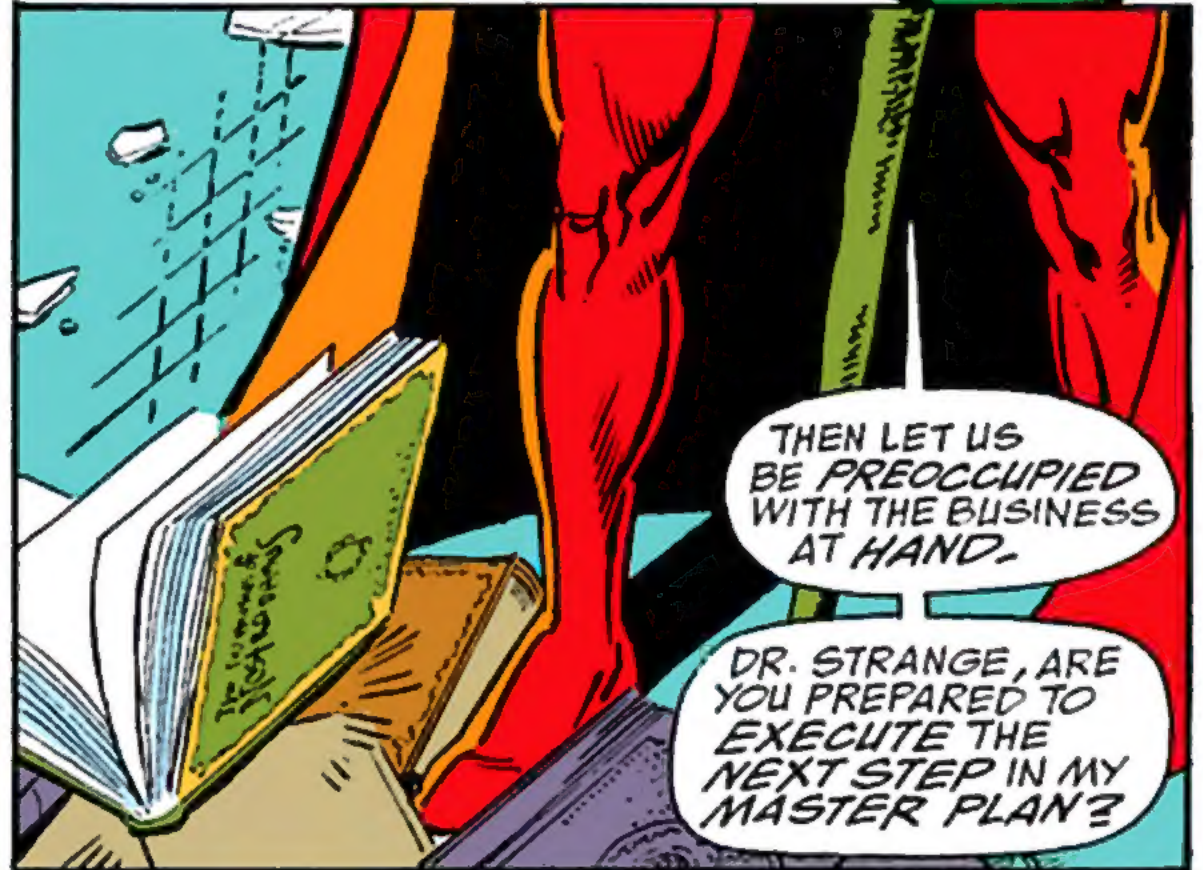
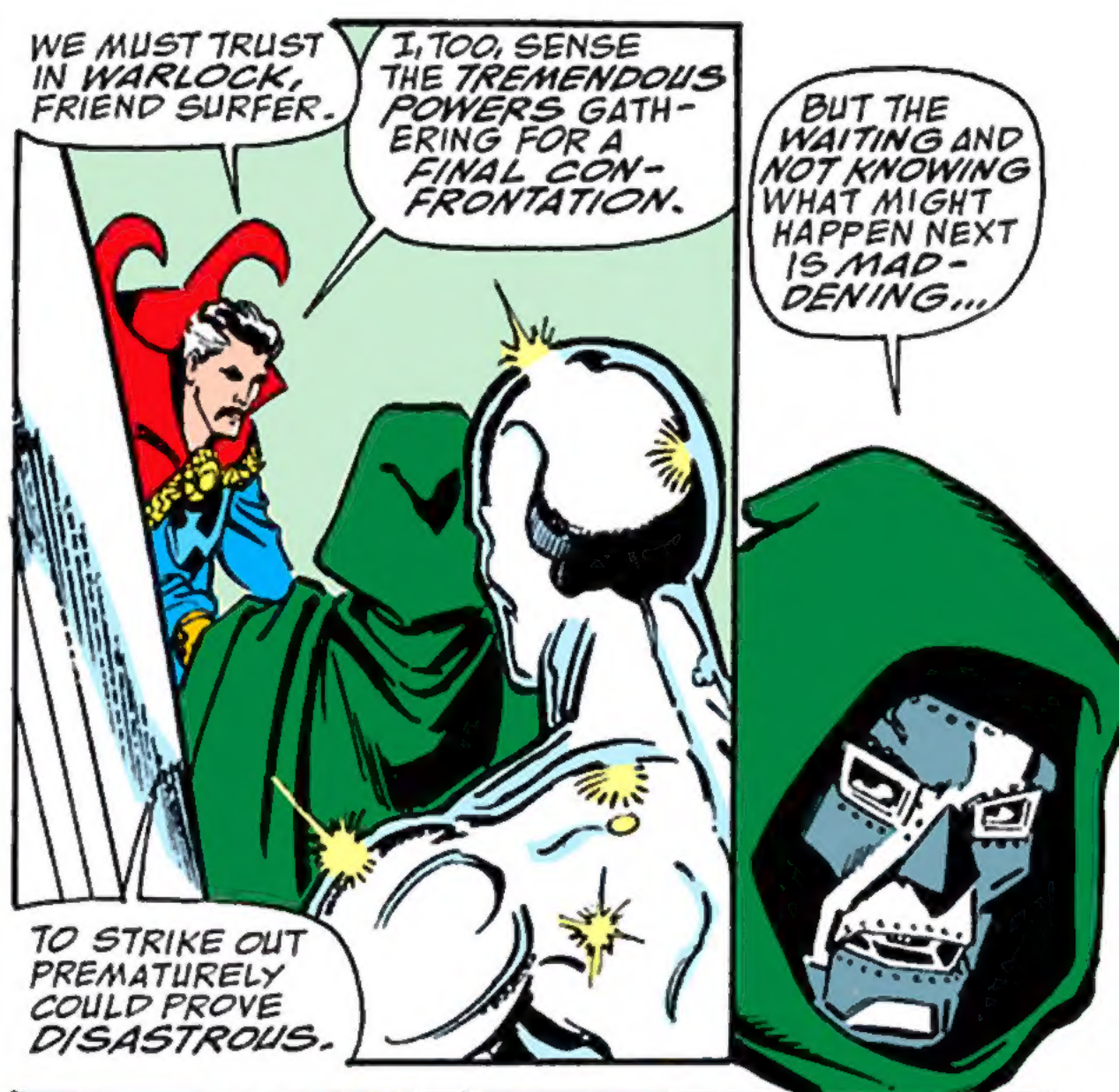
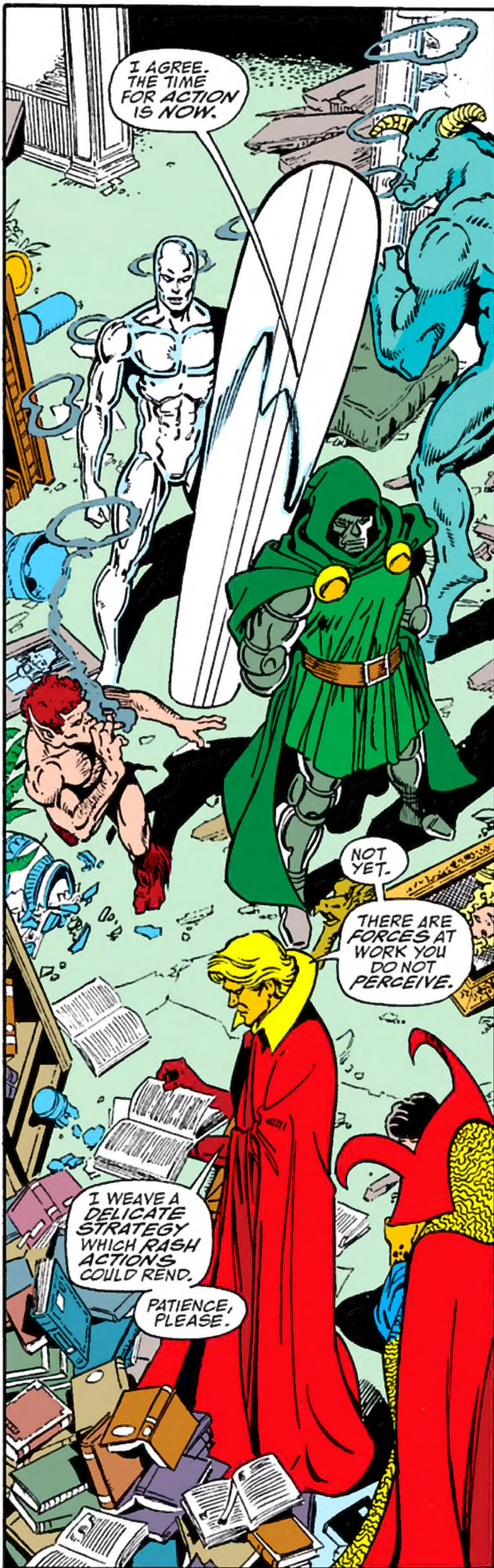


"OUR WORLD IS HEADING FOR A NEW, NEVER-ENDING ICE AGE!"



THE UNIVERSE FALLS ASUNDER AROUND US.

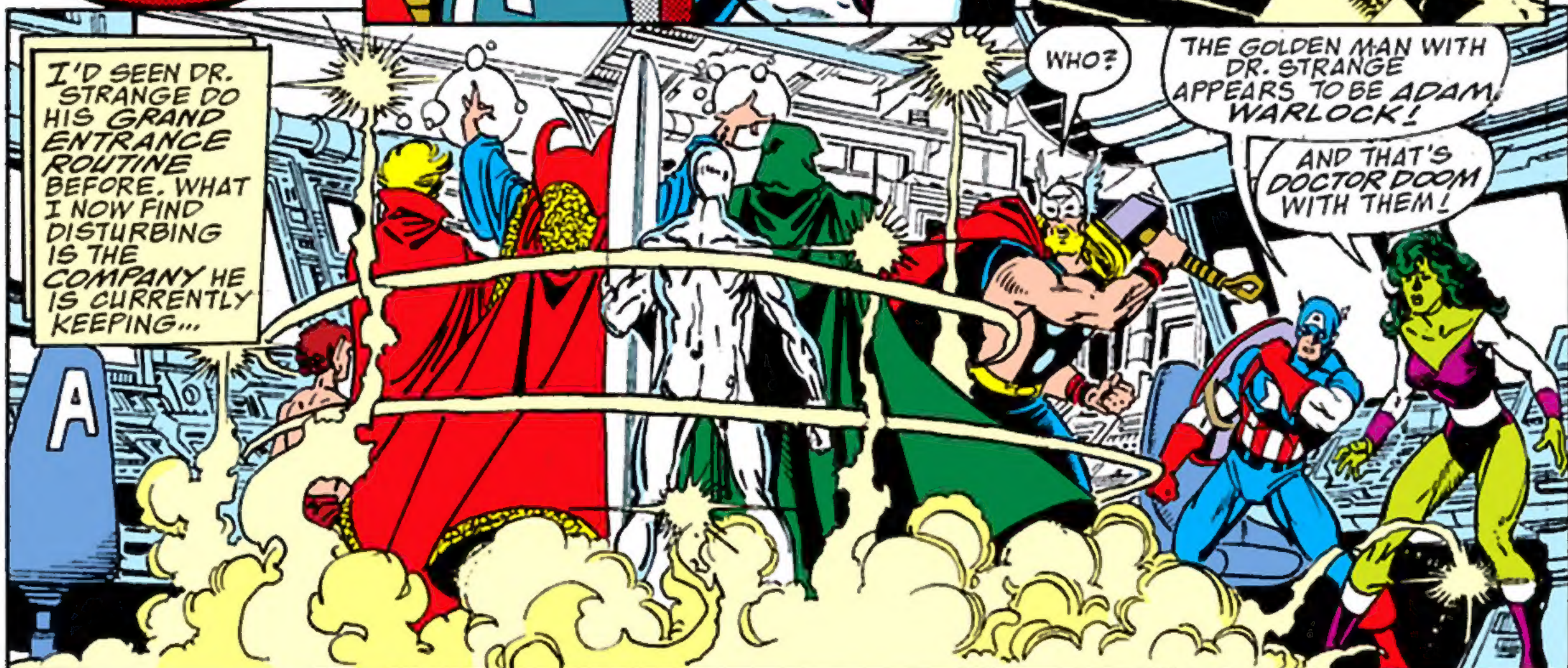
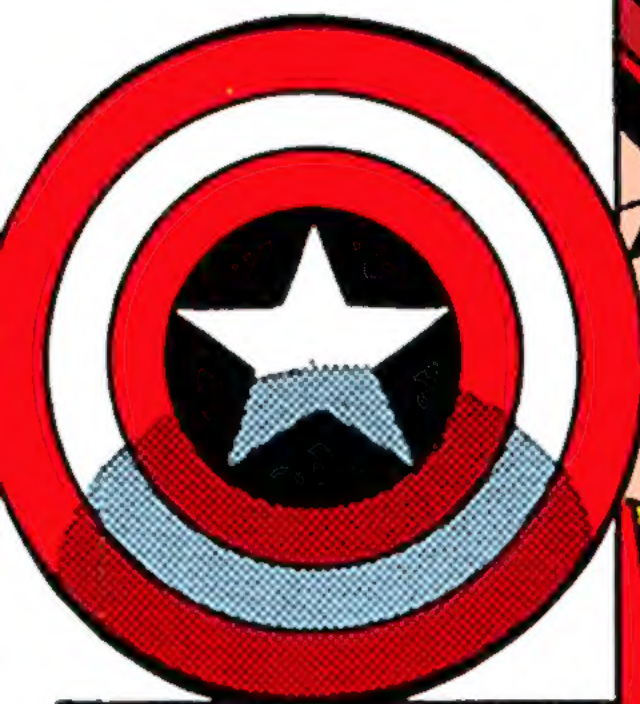
I CAN NO LONGER PUT OFF CONFRONTING THANOS.



THE SITUATION ISN'T
LOOKING TOO ROSEY
AT AVENGERS' HQ.

WE'D BEEN HAVING
DIFFICULTIES CALLING
IN OUR RESERVES.

SUDDENLY...



I'D SEEN DR.
STRANGE DO
HIS GRAND
ENTRANCE
ROUTINE
BEFORE. WHAT
I NOW FIND
DISTURBING
IS THE
COMPANY HE
IS CURRENTLY
KEEPING...

WHO?

THE GOLDEN MAN WITH
DR. STRANGE
APPEARS TO BE ADAM
WARLOCK!

AND THAT'S
DOCTOR DOOM
WITH THEM!

STAY THY HAND,
ASGARDIAN--DOOM IS
OUR ALLY IN THIS
STRUGGLE.

AND THE WORD OF
DR. STRANGE AND
THE SILVER
SURFER--

I KNOW YOU SAW
WARLOCK FALL
IN BATTLE AND
ATTENDED HIS
FUNERAL, BUT--

BUT THE DETAILS OF
MY REBIRTH ARE OF
NO IMPORTANCE.

ALL THAT MATTERS IS
THE MISSION WHICH
BRINGS US HERE.

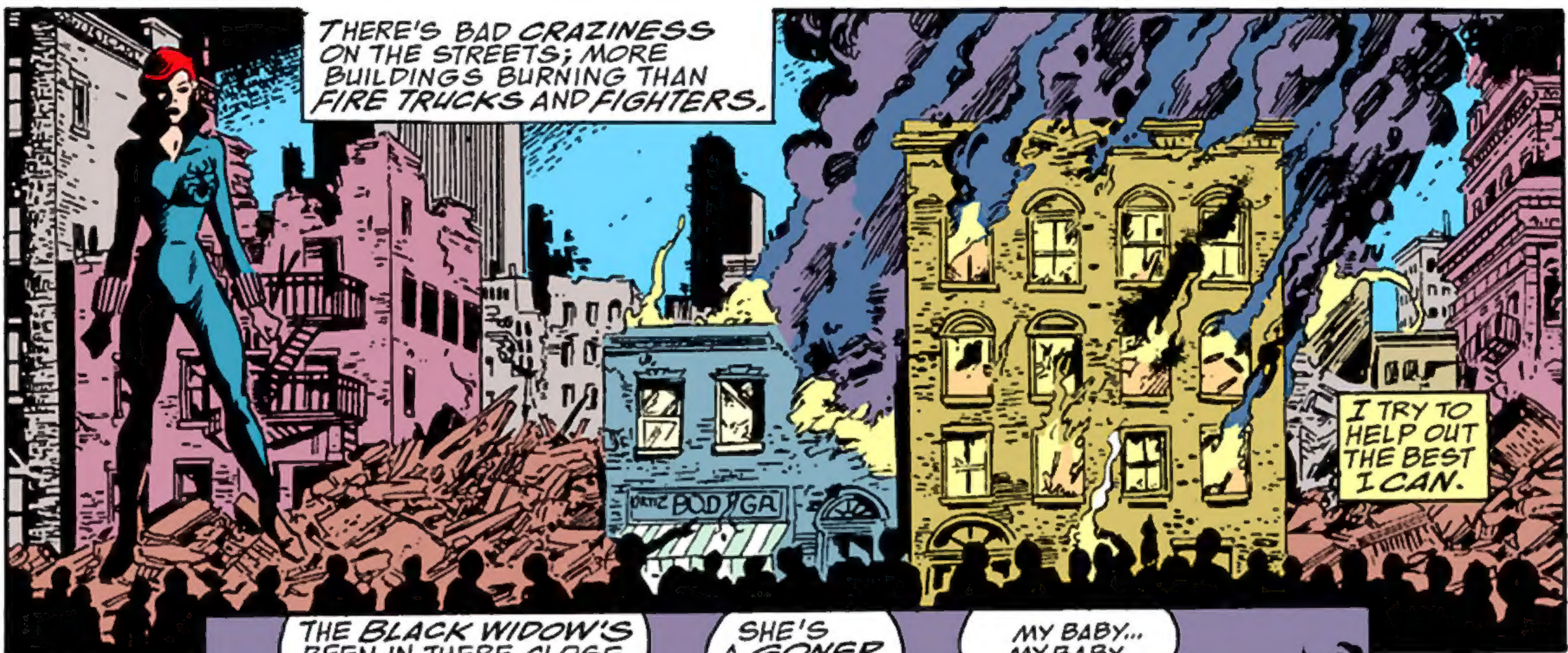
WHICH
IS?

ON THIS
I SHOULD
TAKE YOUR
WORD, MR.
COPPERTONE?

SO HOW CAN
HE NOW BE
STANDING
BEFORE
US?

TIS A
REINCAR-
NATION
OF SORTS,
NOBLE THOR,
IF THAT'S WHO
YOU BE.

THE
RAISING
OF AN
ARMY!



THERE'S BAD CRAZINESS ON THE STREETS; MORE BUILDINGS BURNING THAN FIRE TRUCKS AND FIGHTERS.

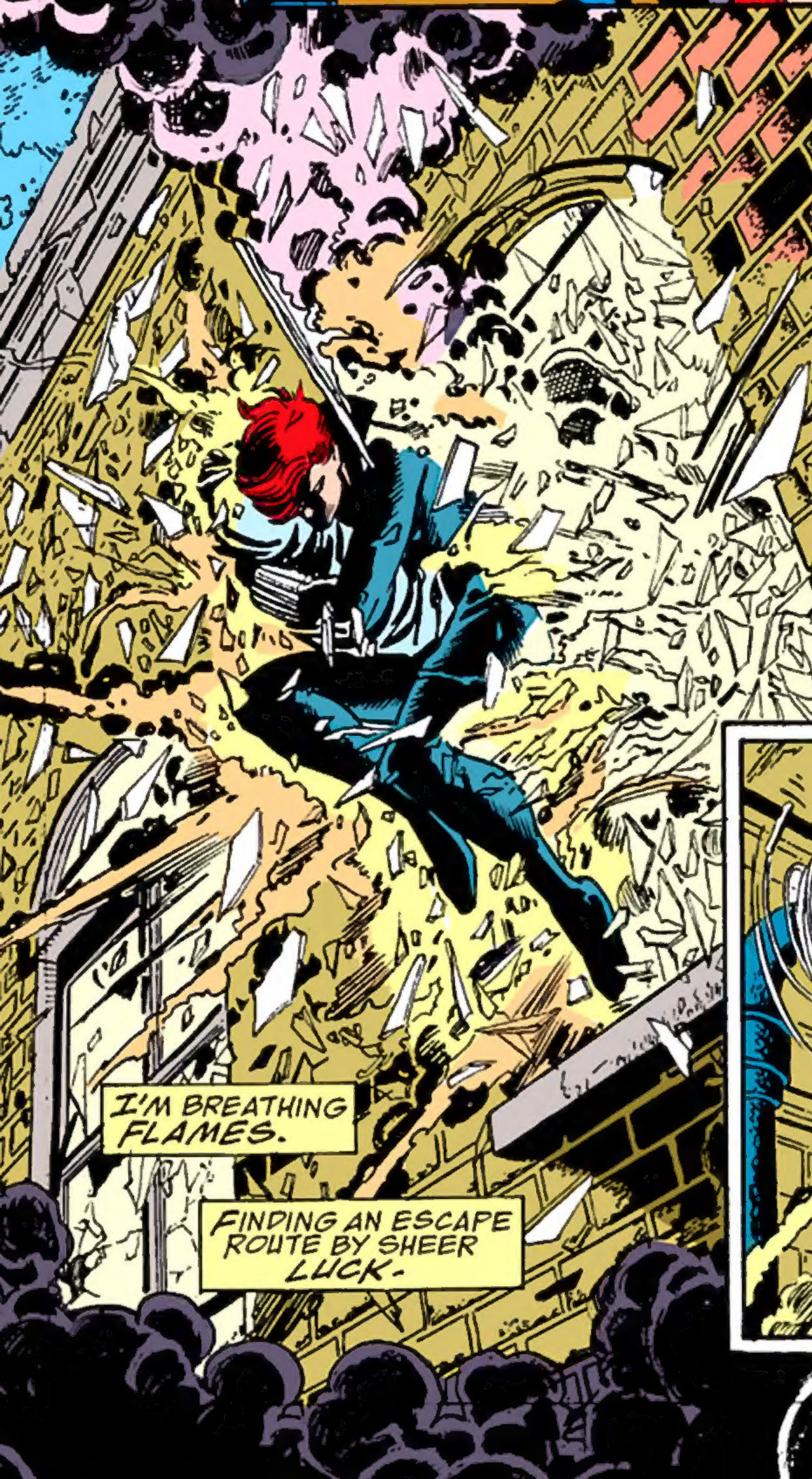
I TRY TO HELP OUT THE BEST I CAN.



THE BLACK WIDOW'S BEEN IN THERE CLOSE TO TEN MINUTES.

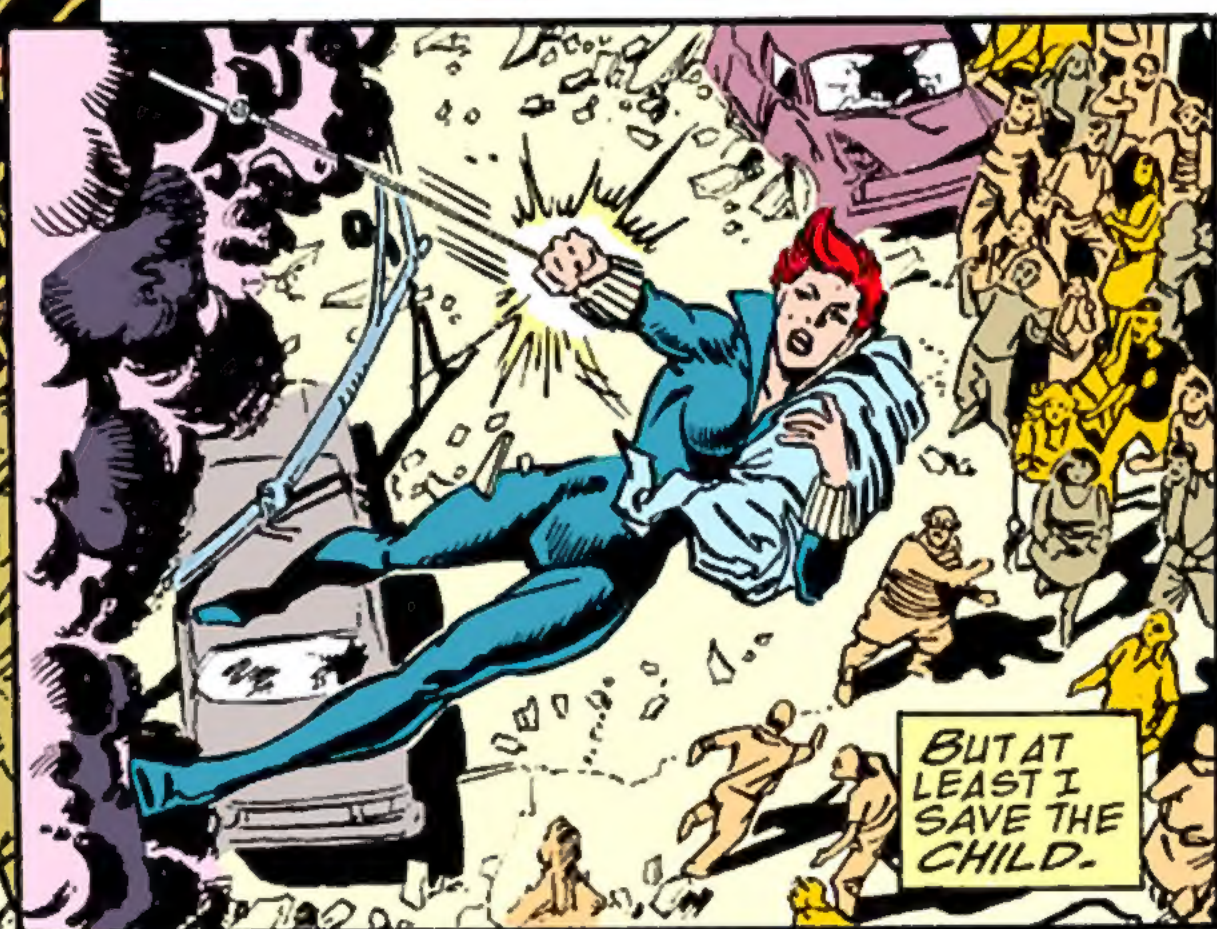
SHE'S A GONER FOR SURE.

MY BABY... MY BABY...

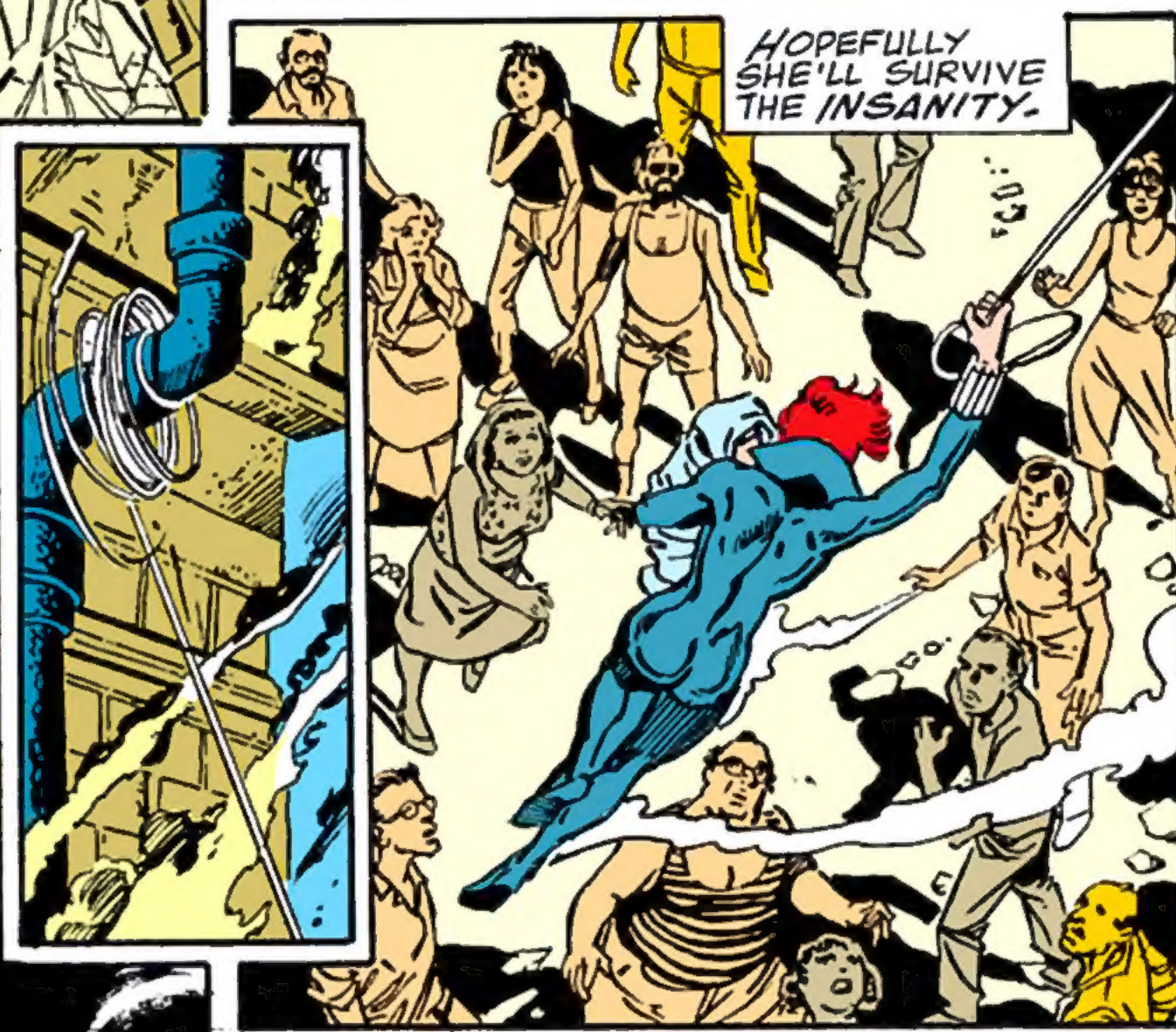


I'M BREATHING FLAMES.

FINDING AN ESCAPE ROUTE BY SHEER LUCK.



BUT AT LEAST I SAVE THE CHILD.



HOPEFULLY SHE'LL SURVIVE THE INSANITY.

MORE THAN ENOUGH
HAVE DIED ALREADY.

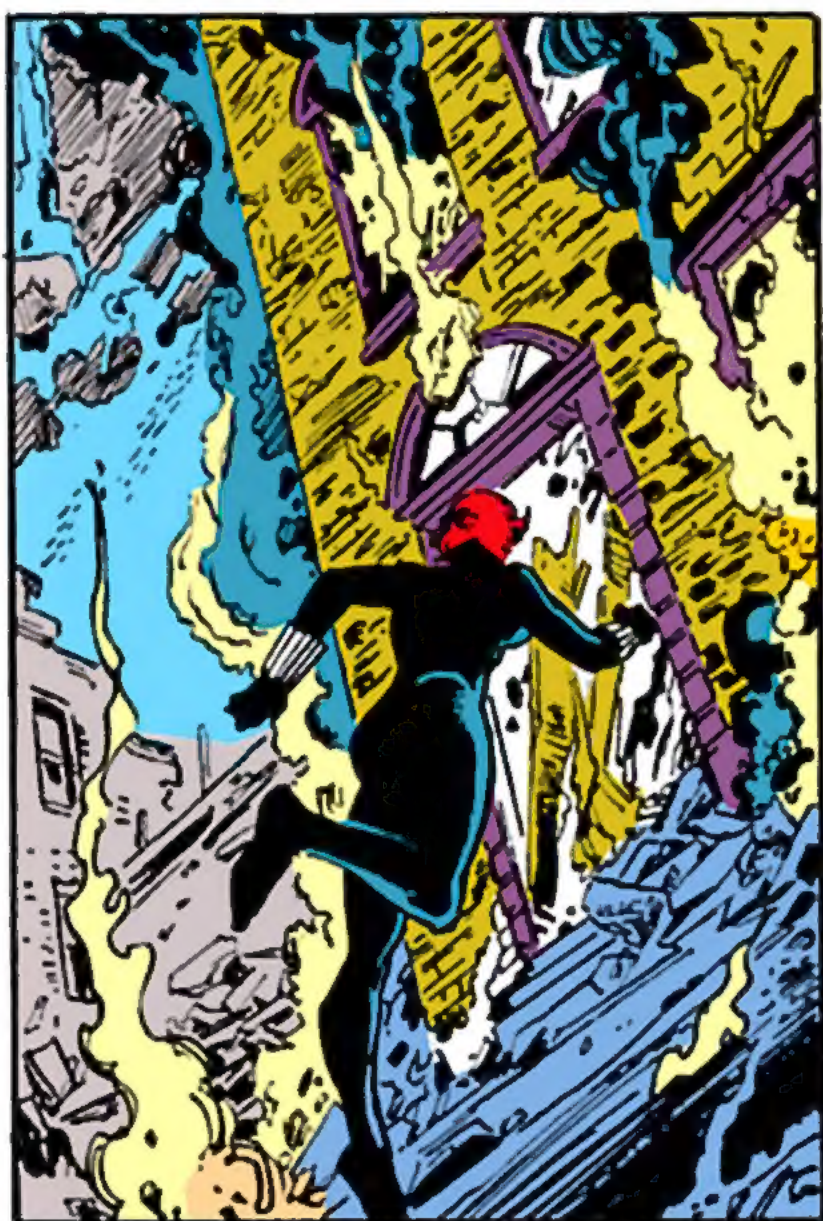
LOOK!
ON THE
FIFTH
FLOOR!

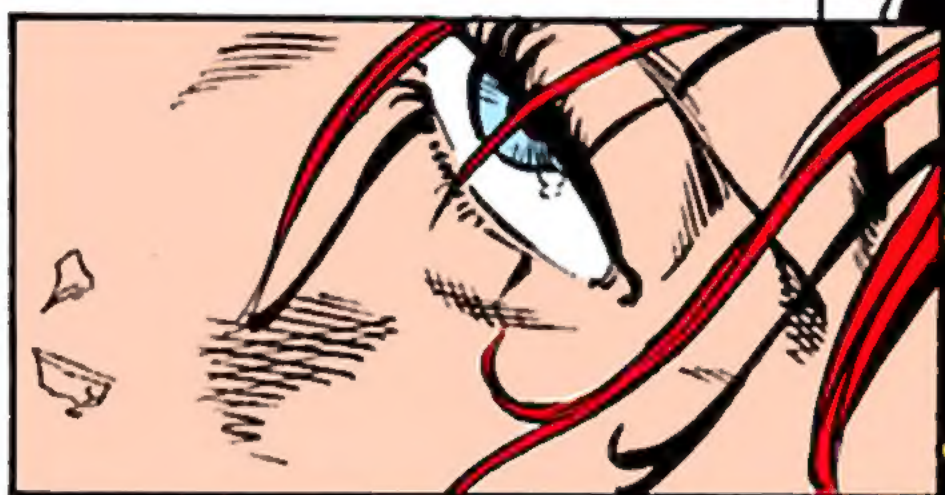


HELP ME!



FOR GOD'S SAKE--
SOMEBODY
HELP ME!!

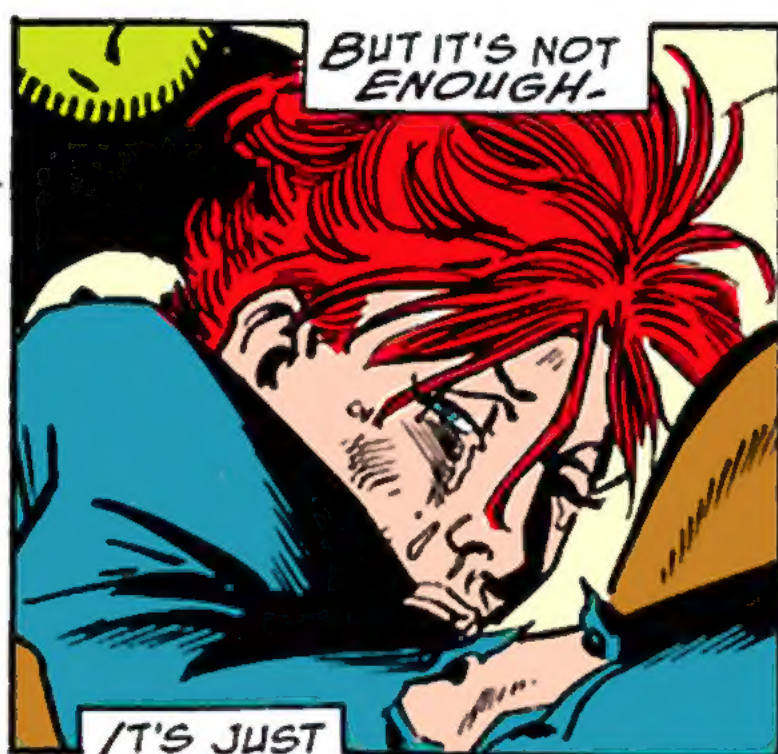




YA CAN'T
GO BACK
IN THERE,
WIDOW
LADY.

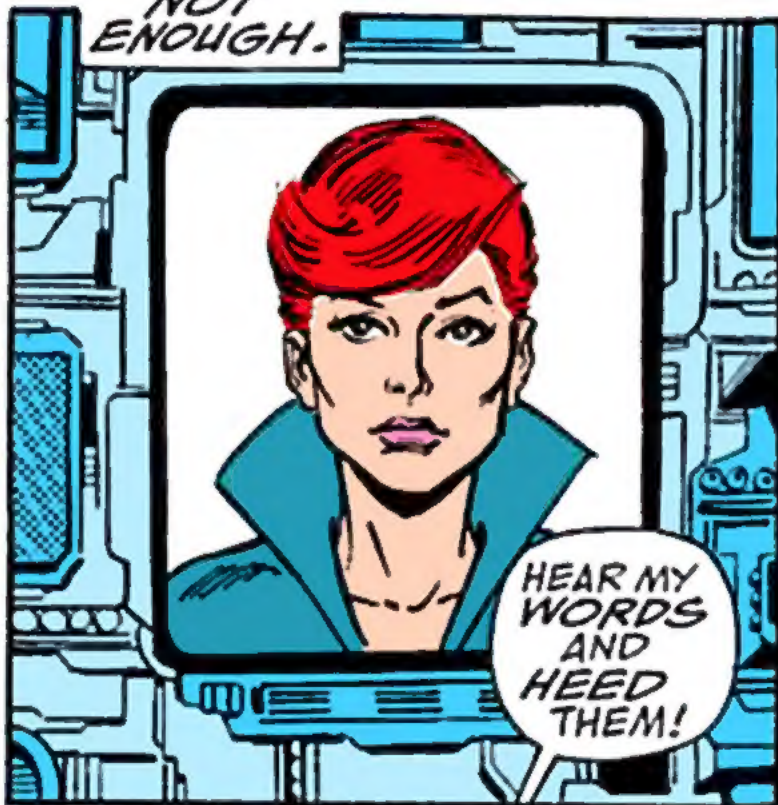
SHE'S
GONE.

YEAH,
YOU DONE
ALL YOU
COULD.



BUT IT'S NOT
ENOUGH.

IT'S JUST
NOT
ENOUGH.

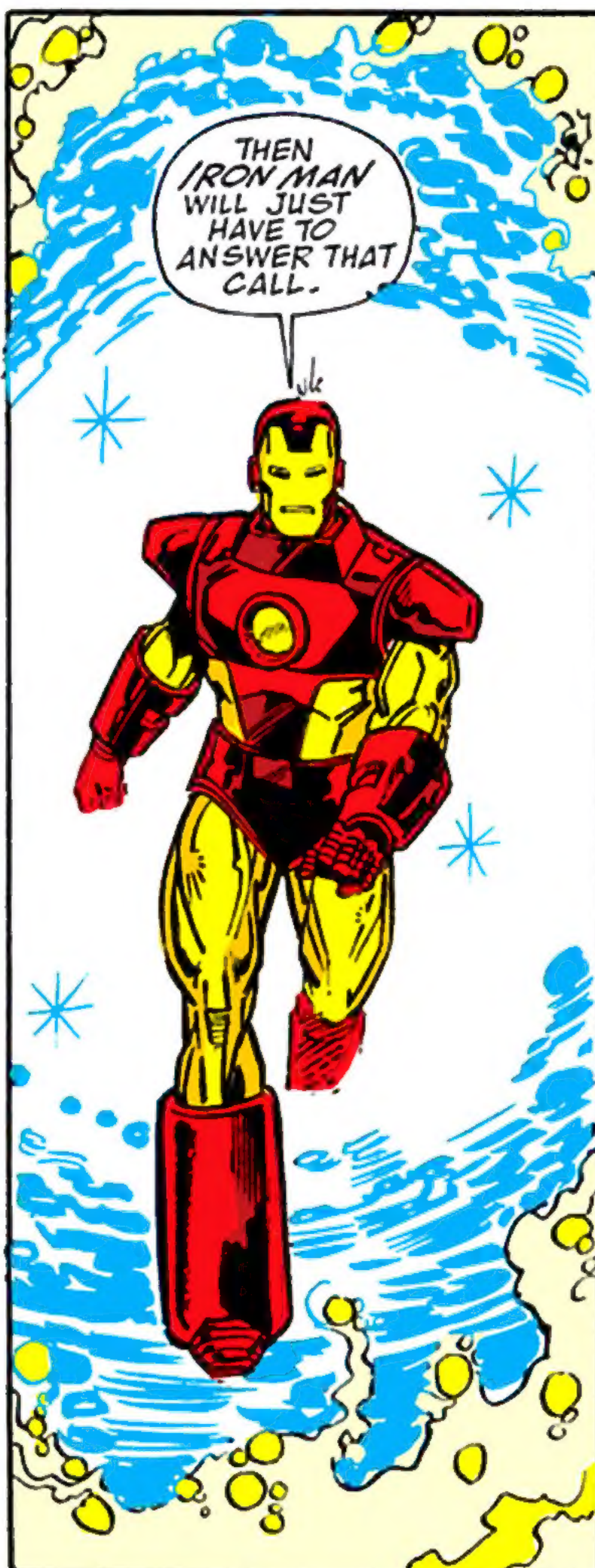


HEAR MY
WORDS
AND
HEED
THEM!

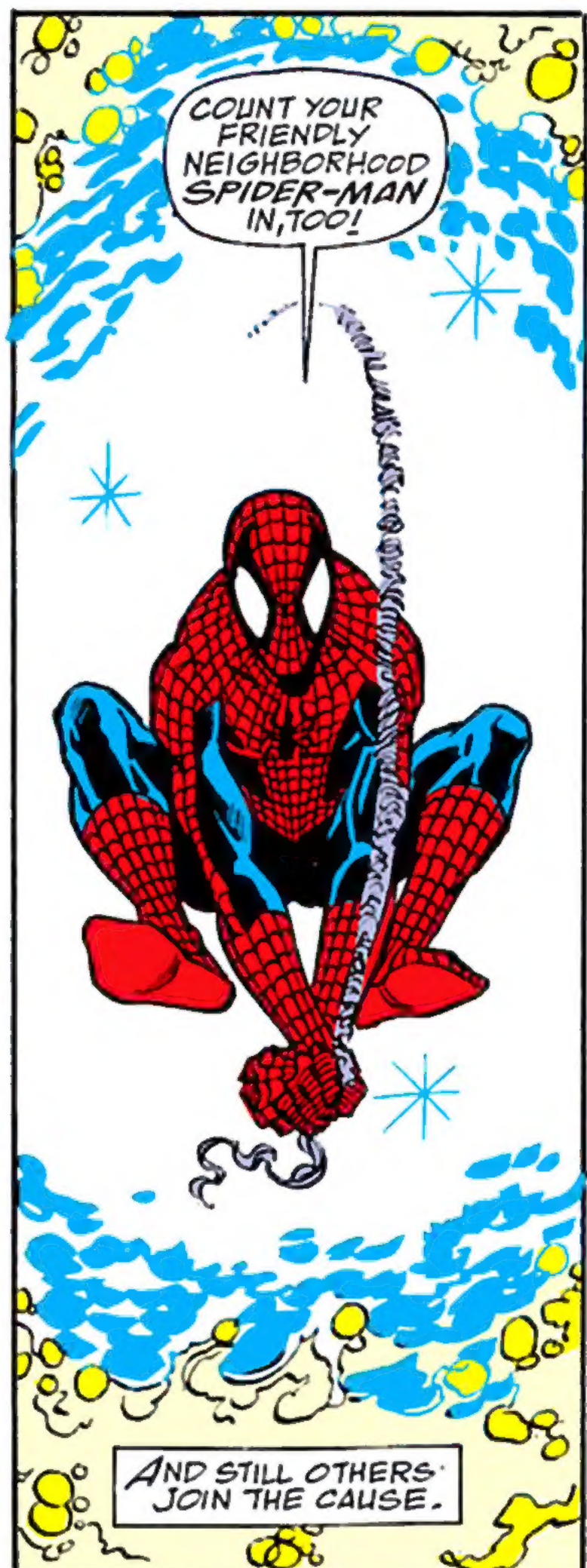


I CALL UPON
YOU TO AID IN
THE STRUGGLE
THIS POOR
TORTURED
WORLD
SUFFERS.

YOUR
SKILLS
AND
POWERS
ARE GRAVELY
NEEDED!



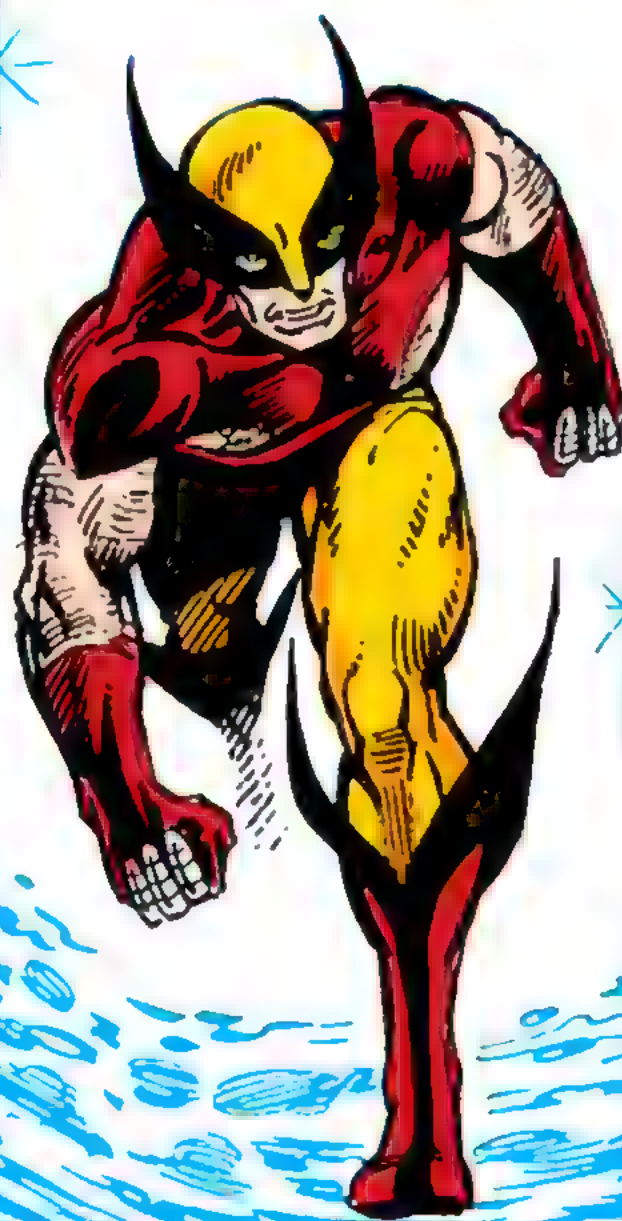
THEN
IRON MAN
WILL JUST
HAVE TO
ANSWER THAT
CALL.



COUNT YOUR
FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD
SPIDER-MAN
IN, TOO!

AND STILL OTHERS
JOIN THE CAUSE.

THE FIERCE MUTANT
KNOWN AS THE
WOLVERINE.



THE DULL-WITTED YET POWER-
FUL DRAX THE DESTROYER.



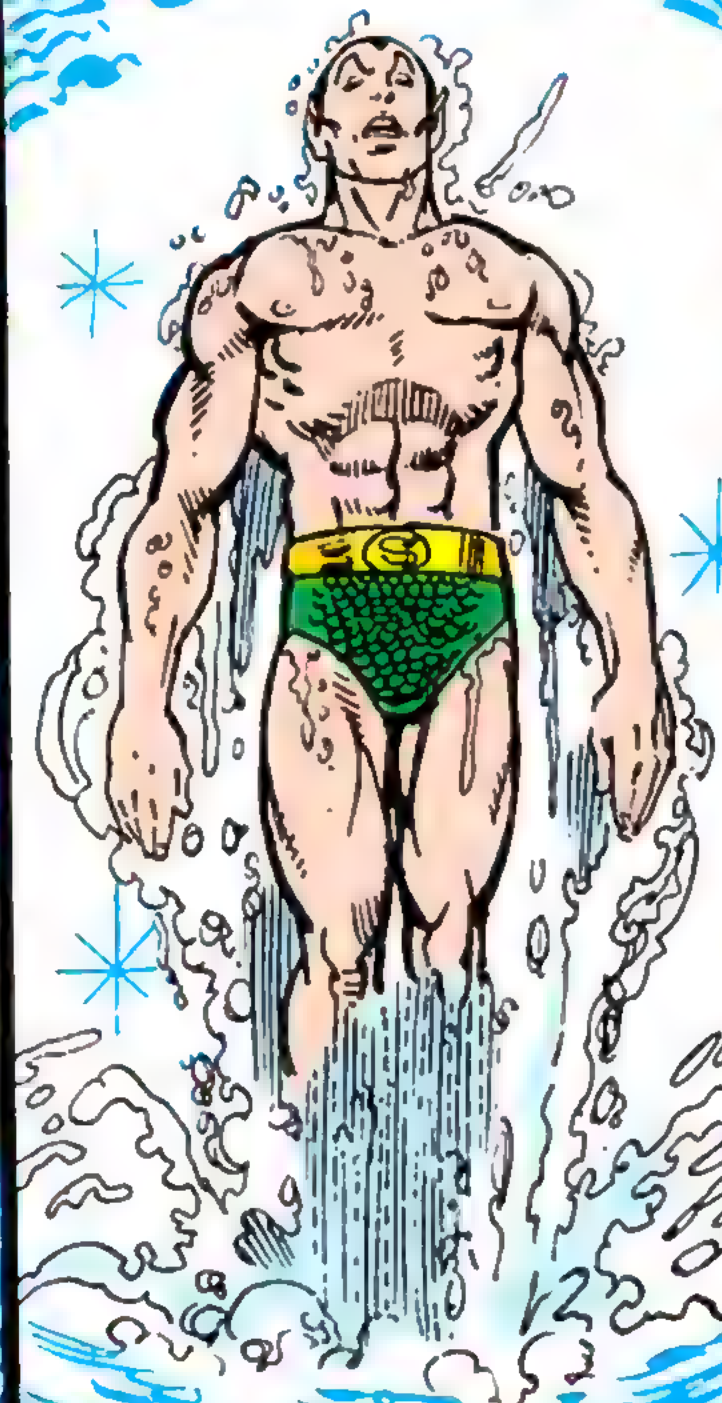
ONE-TIME HERALD
TO GALACTUS AND
SPACE TRAVELER,
FIRELORD.



NOVA
OF THE NEW
WARRIORS.

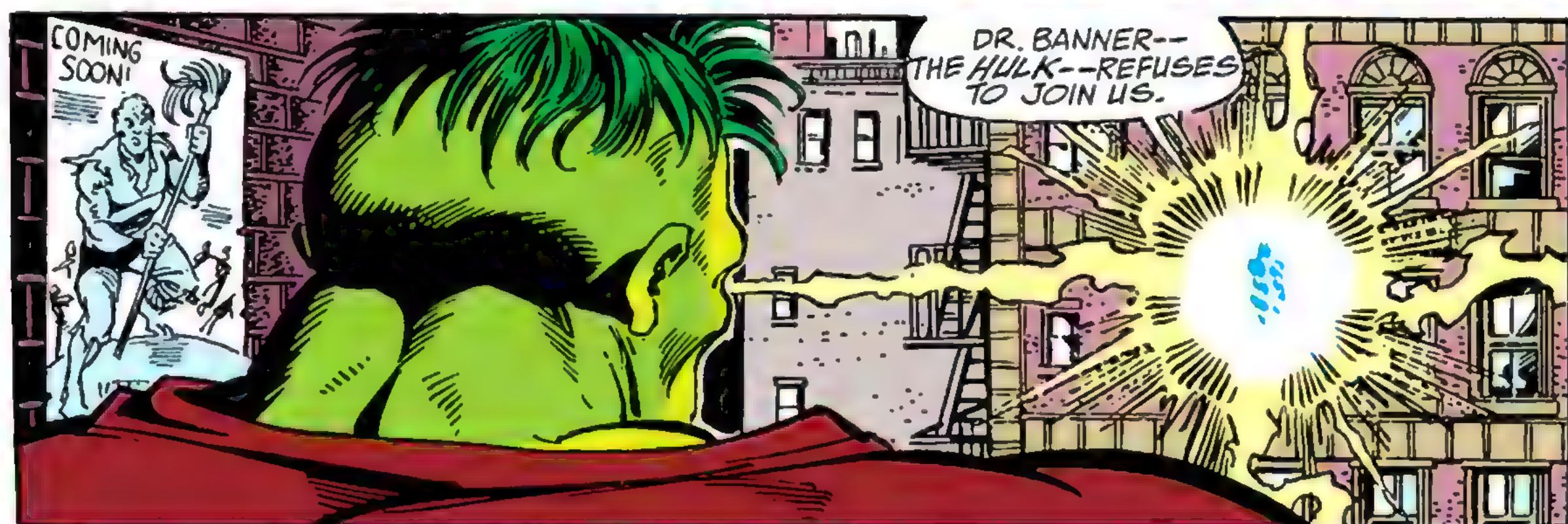
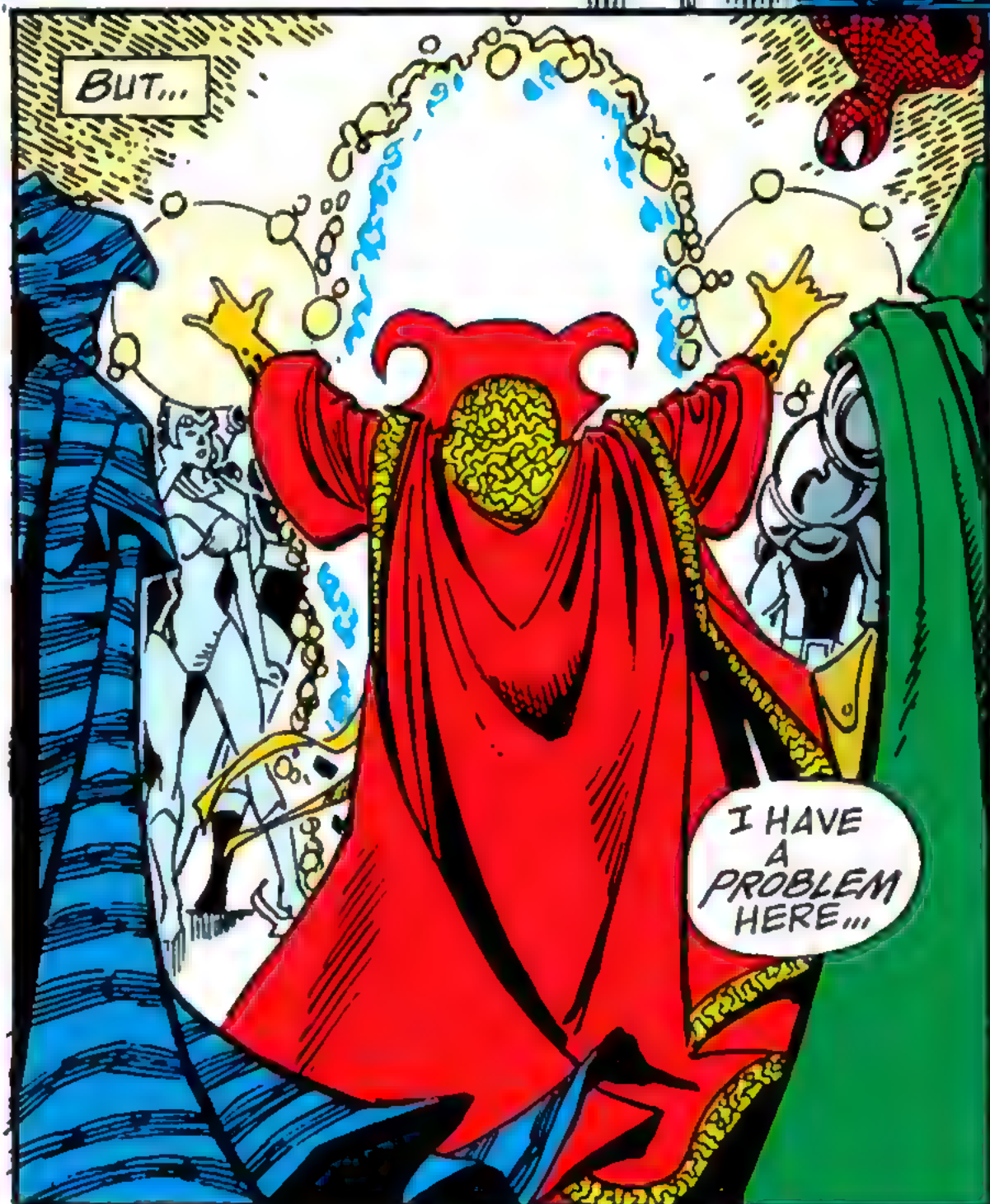
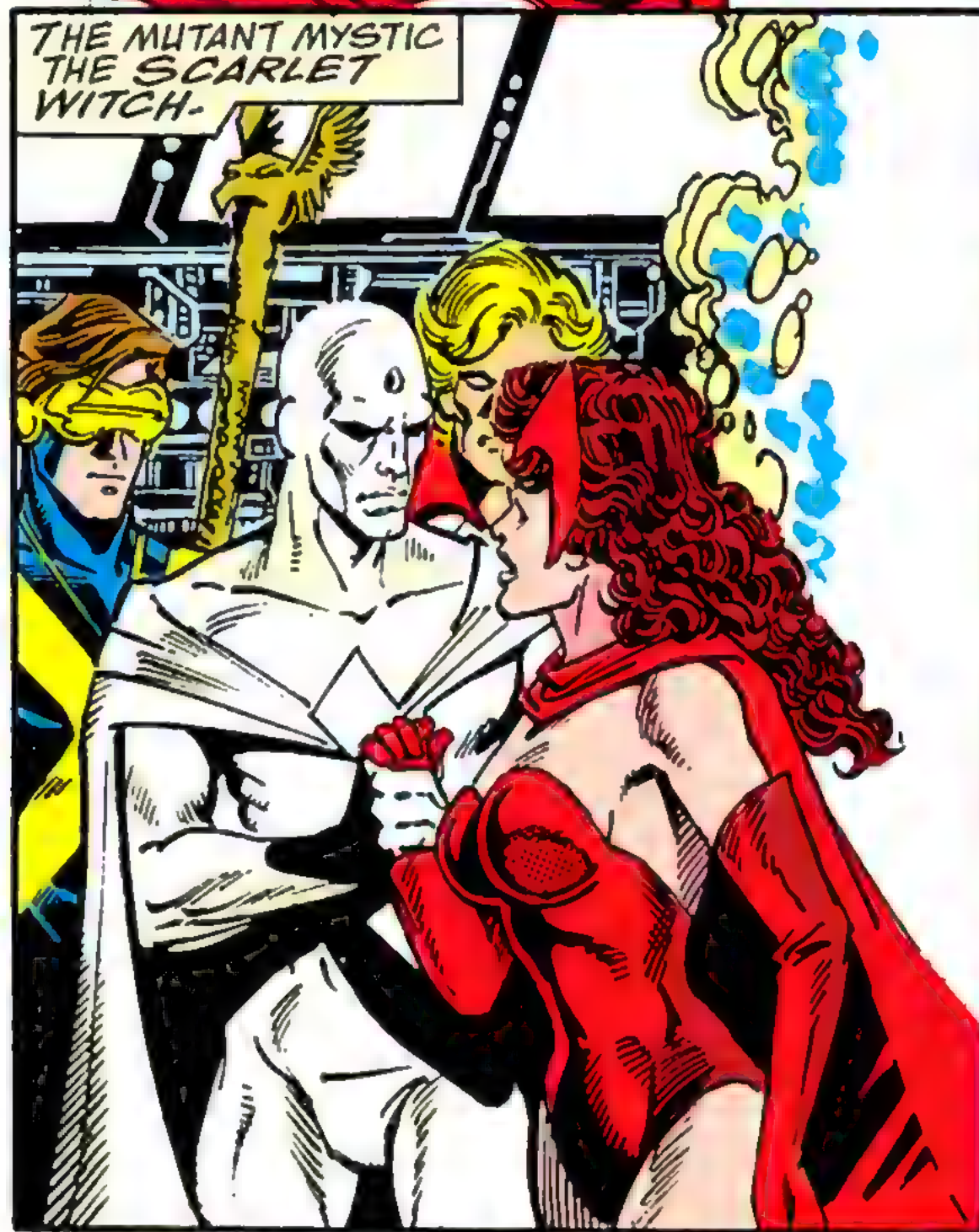
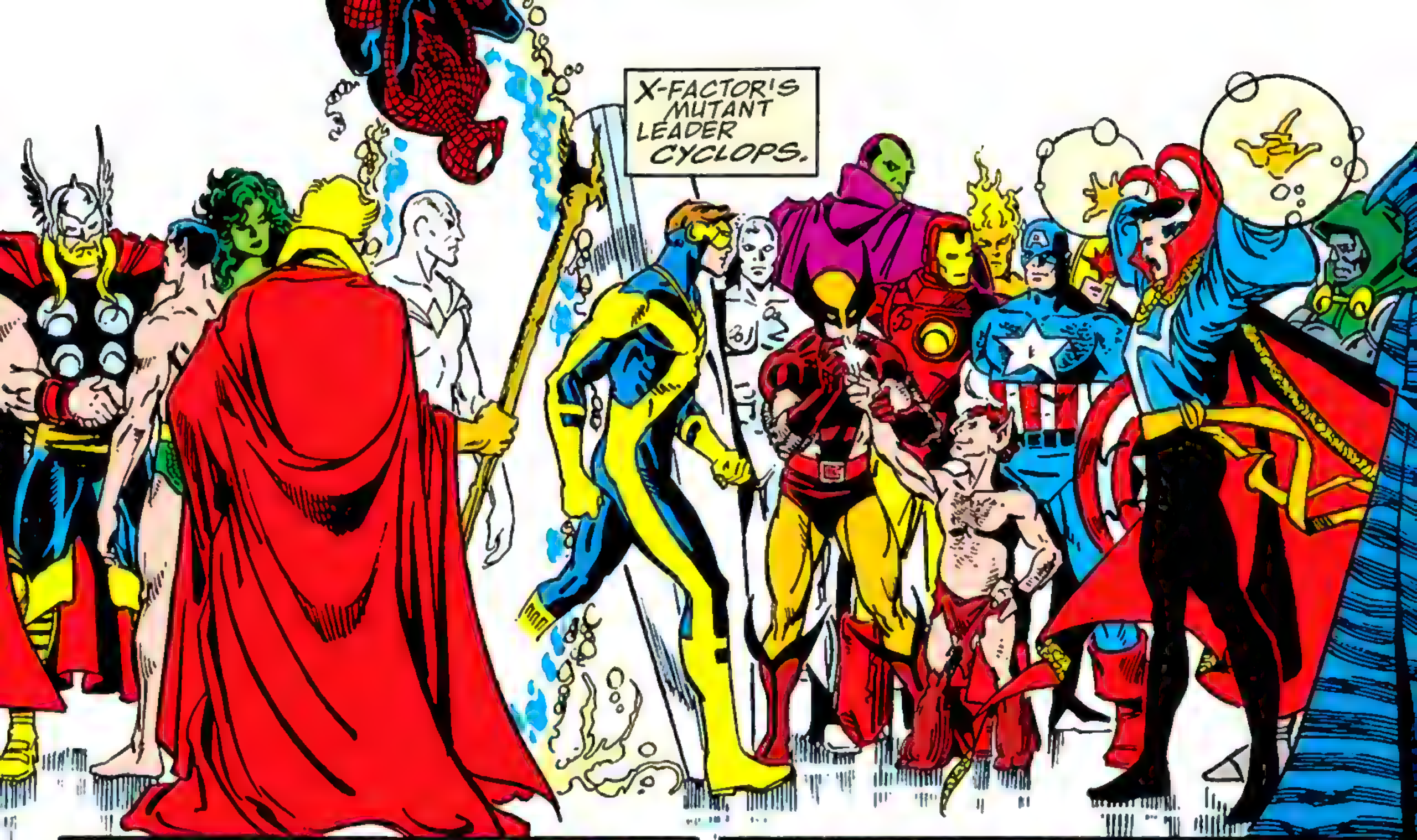


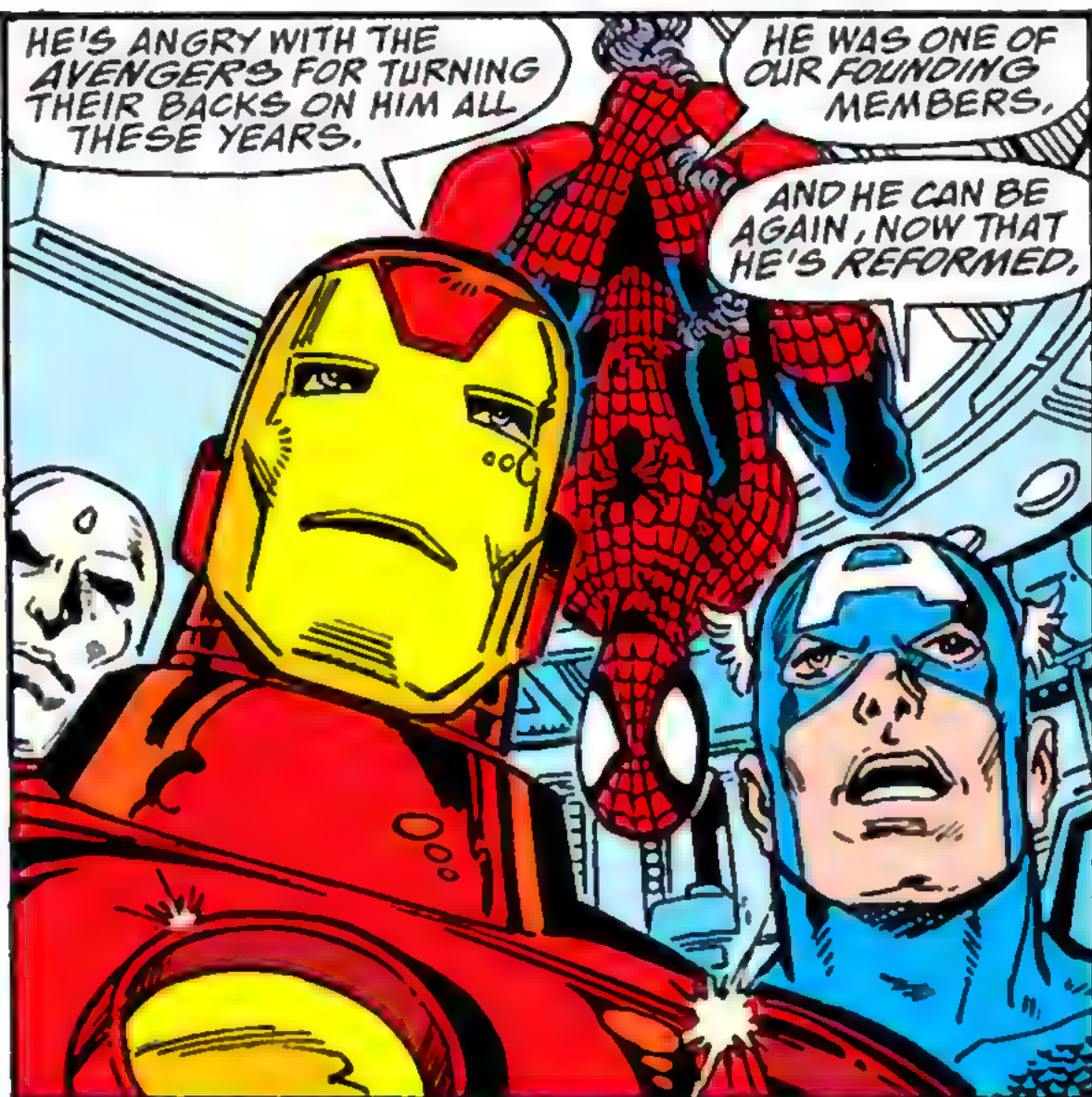
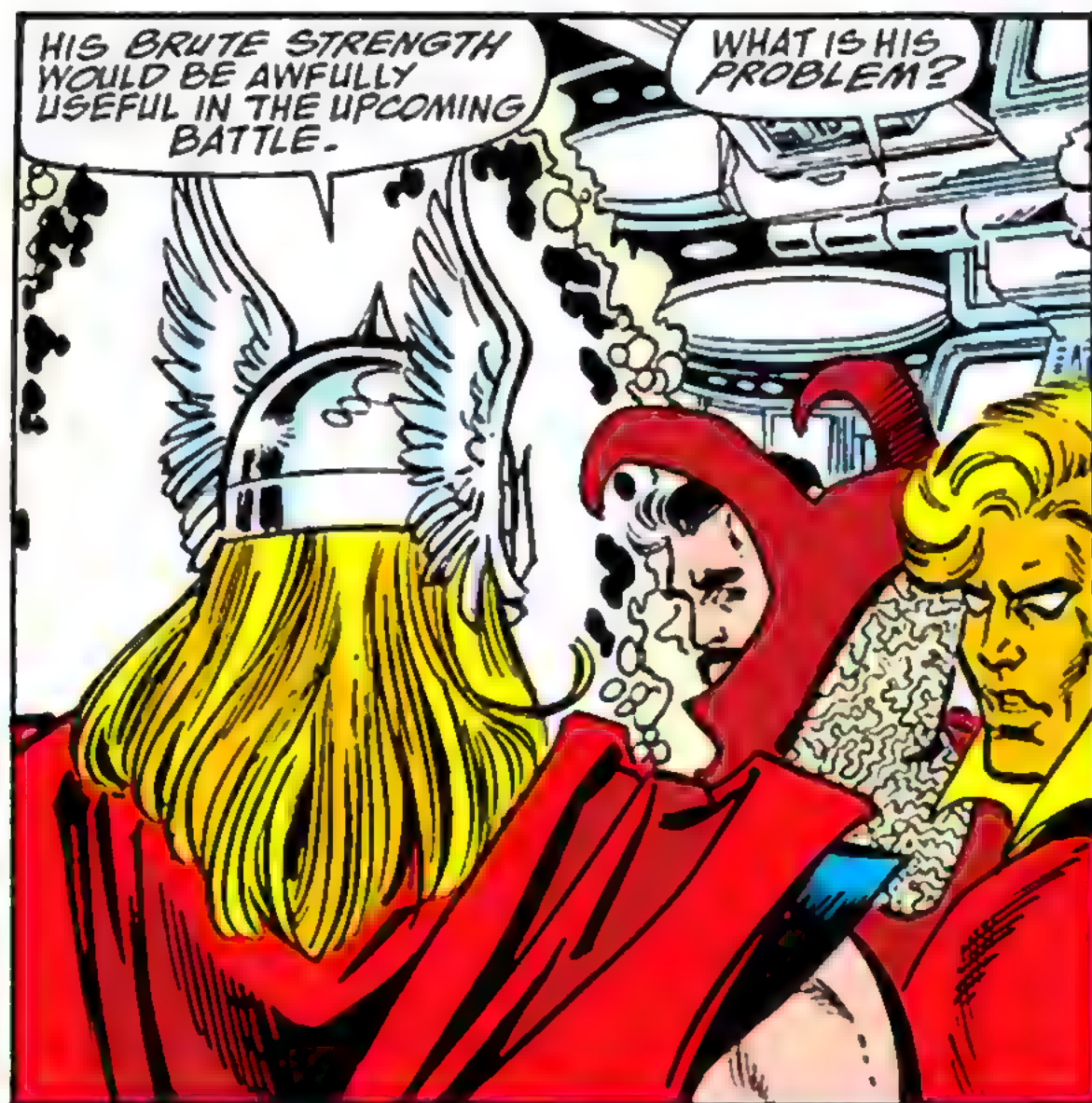
THE REGAL AND MIGHTY
PRINCE NAMOR,
SUB-MARINER.

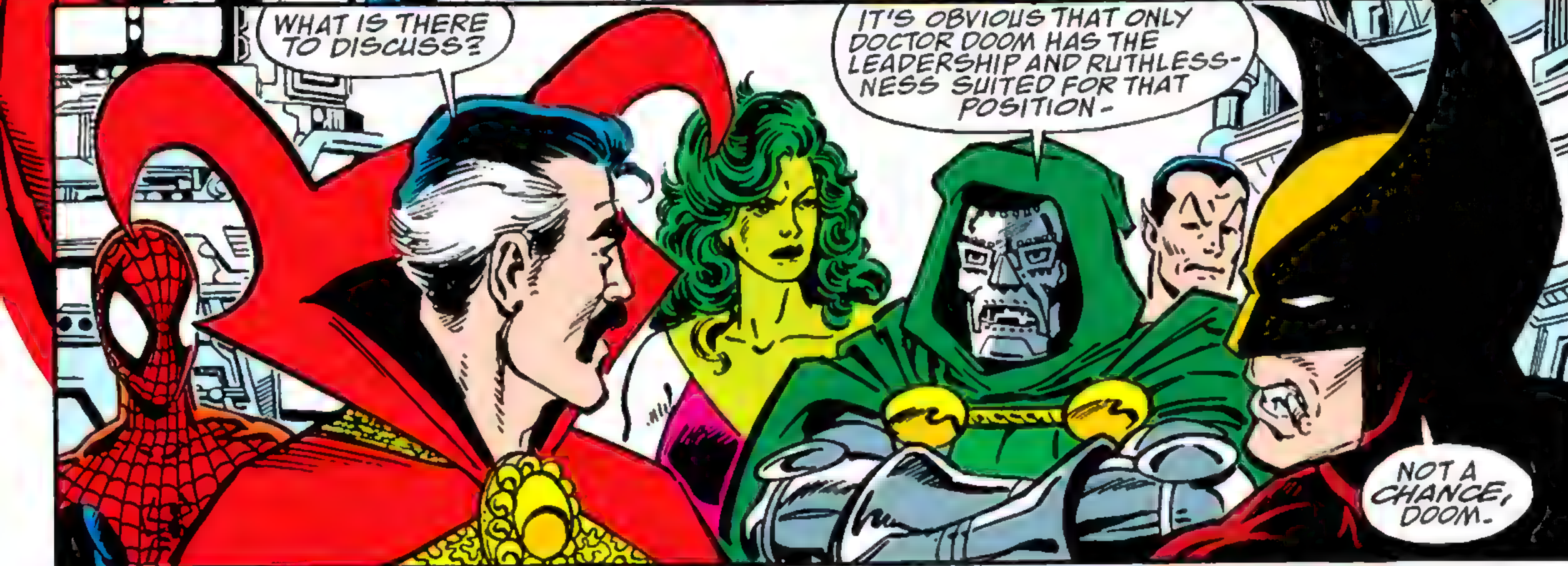


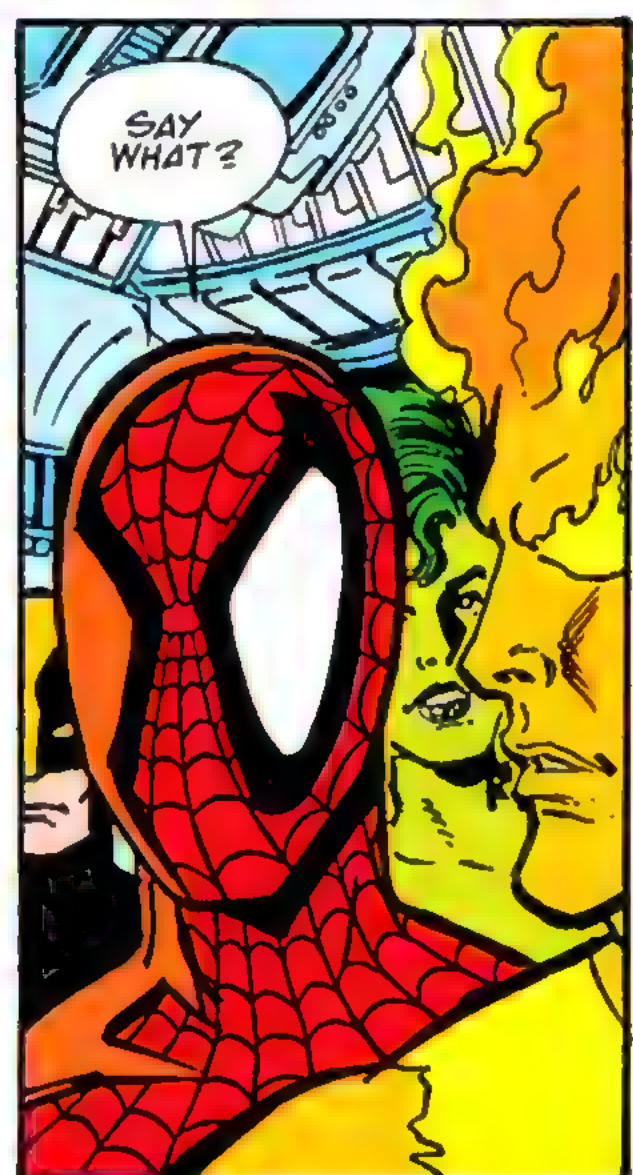
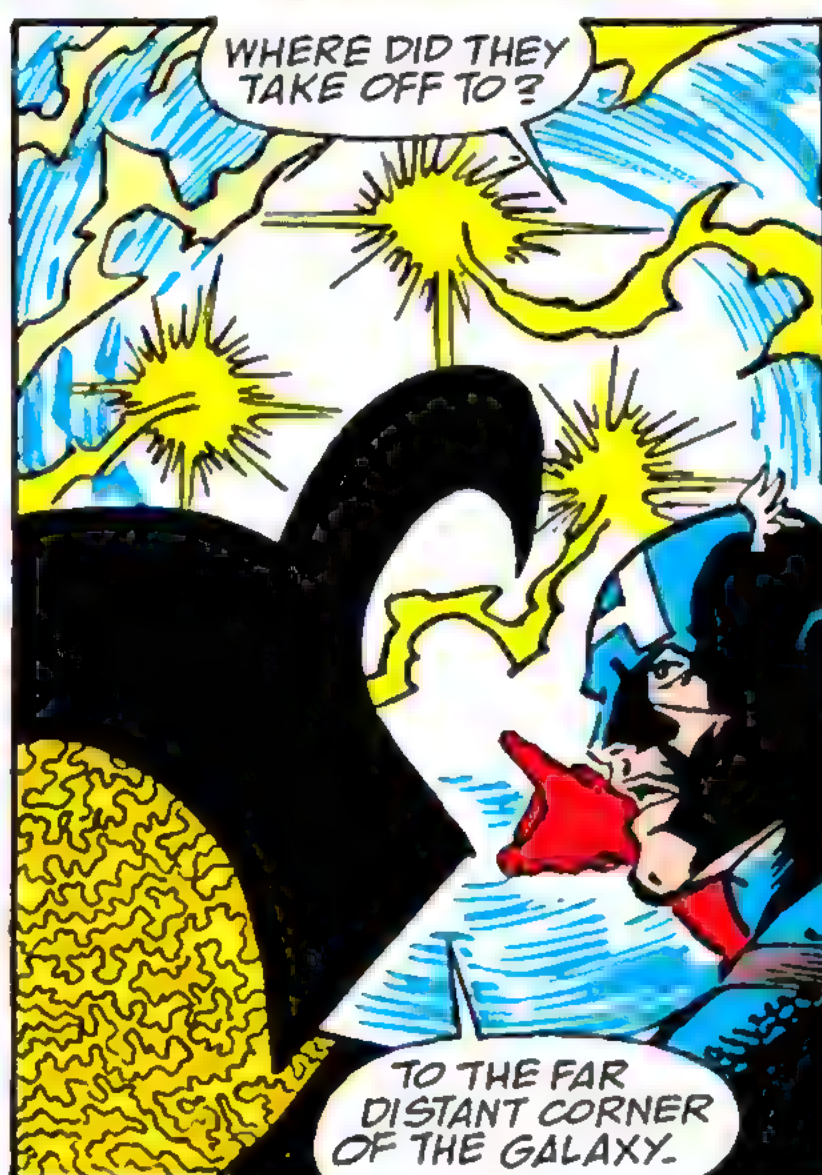
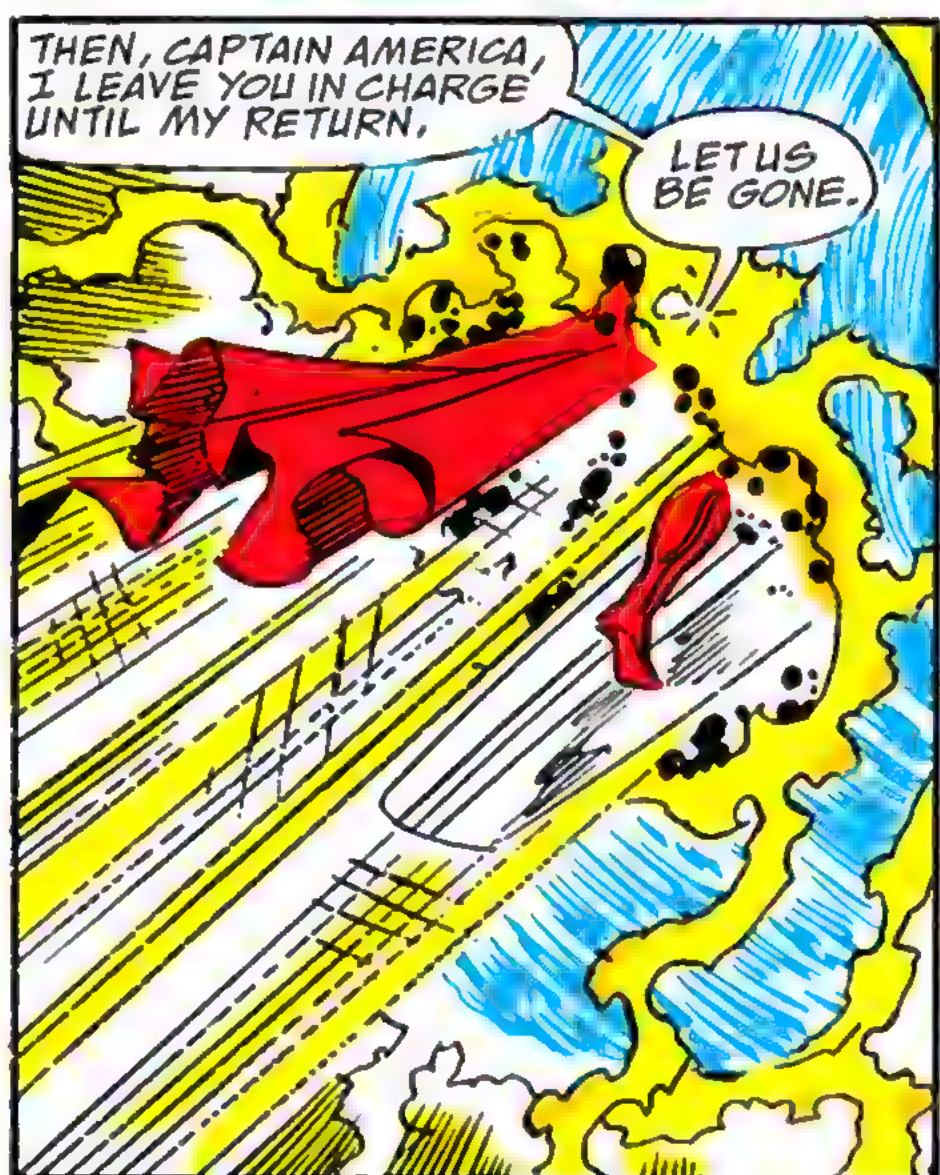
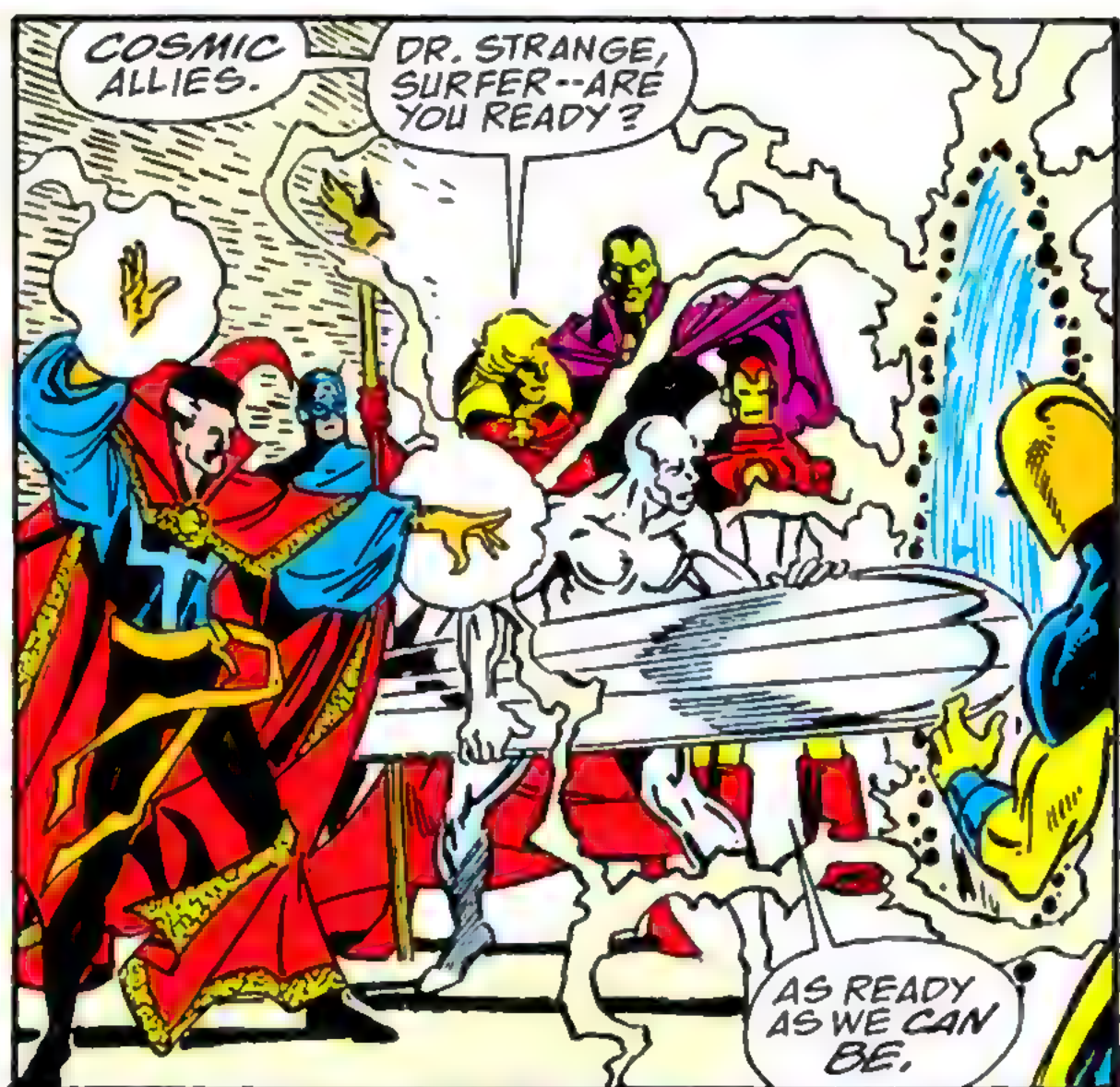
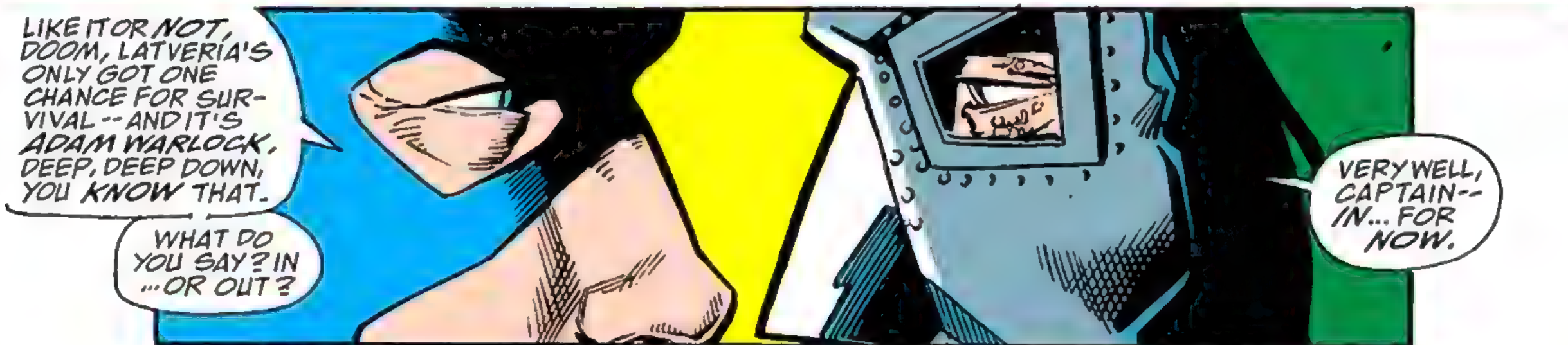
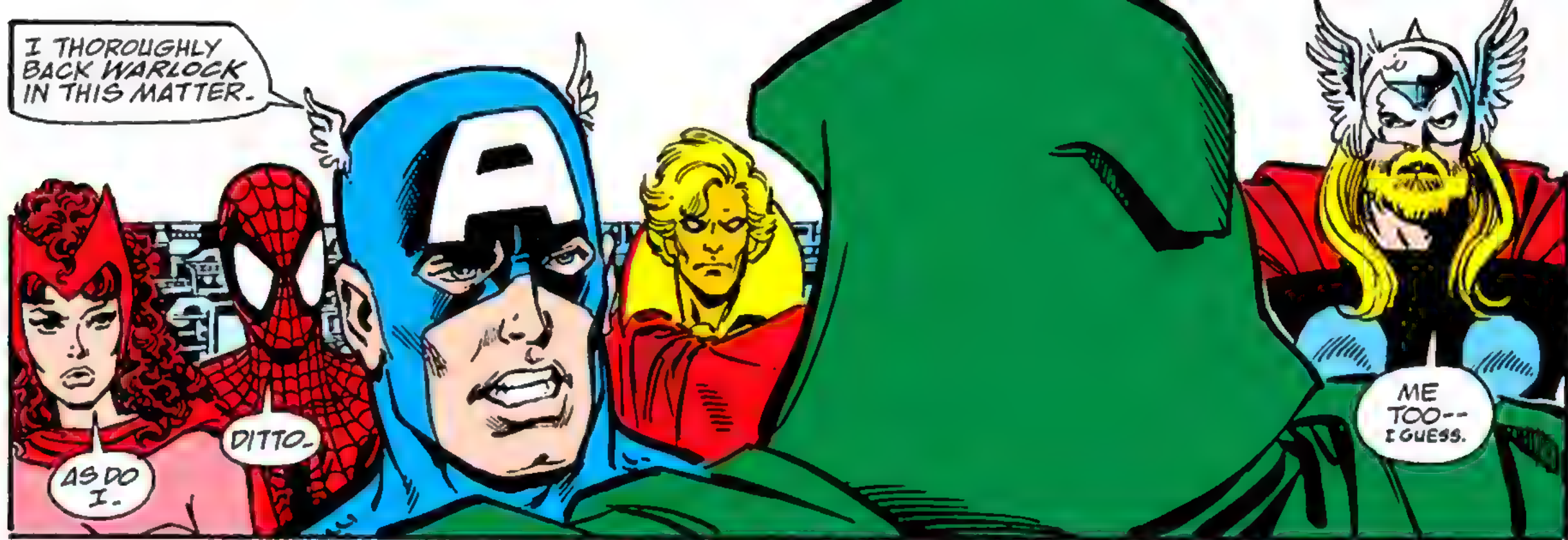
THE DARK AND
FORBODING
CLOAK.

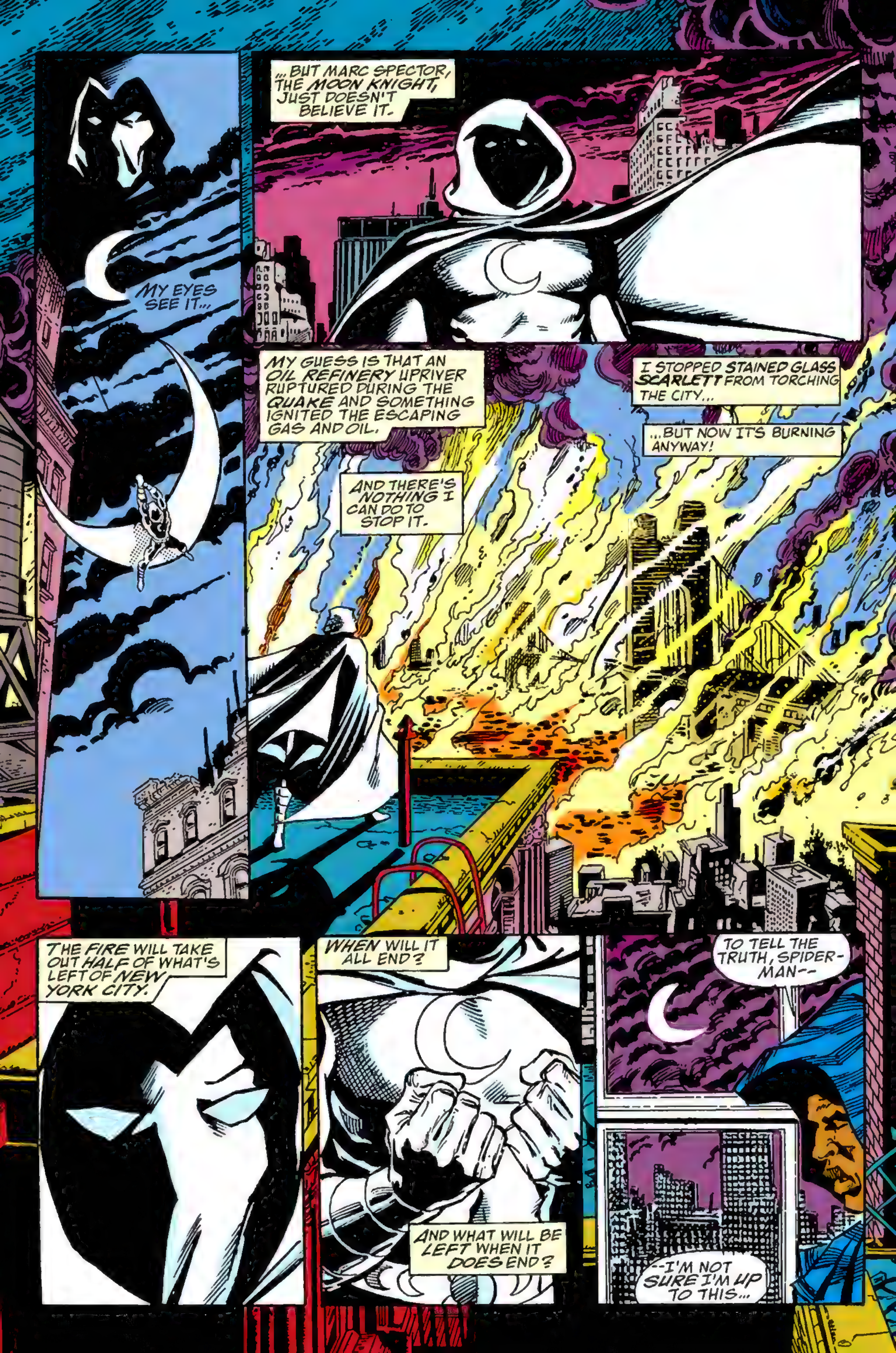












...BUT MARC SPECTOR,
THE MOON KNIGHT,
JUST DOESN'T
BELIEVE IT.

MY EYES
SEE IT...

MY GUESS IS THAT AN
OIL REFINERY UP RIVER
RUPTURED DURING THE
QUAKE AND SOMETHING
IGNITED THE ESCAPING
GAS AND OIL.

AND THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN DO TO
STOP IT.

I STOPPED STAINED GLASS
SCARLETT FROM TORCHING
THE CITY...

...BUT NOW IT'S BURNING
ANYWAY!

THE FIRE WILL TAKE
OUT HALF OF WHAT'S
LEFT OF NEW
YORK CITY.

WHEN WILL IT
ALL END?

AND WHAT WILL BE
LEFT WHEN IT
DOES END?

TO TELL THE
TRUTH, SPIDER-
MAN--

--I'M NOT
SURE I'M UP
TO THIS...



THESE ARE SOME OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST HEROES GATHERED HERE.

DON'T WASTE TIME WORRYING ABOUT IT, CLOAK.

THEY ALL PUT THEIR TIGHTS ON THE SAME WAY YOU DO: ONE LEG AT A TIME.

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN CALLED UP IF THEY DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD CUT IT.



FACE IT, SPIDEY, WE'RE ABOUT TO TAKE ON THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE IN THE WHOLE DANG UNIVERSE!

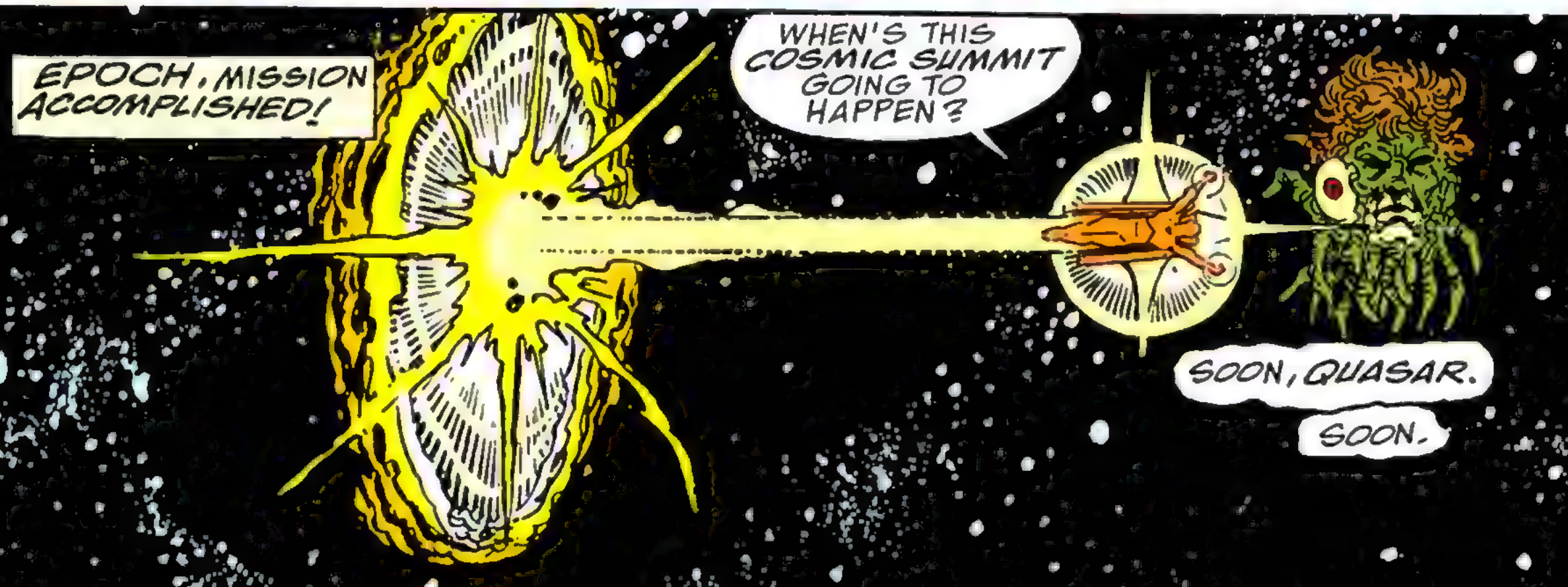


YOU'LL DO JUST FINE.

JUST WISH I WAS AS CONFIDENT AS I SOUND!



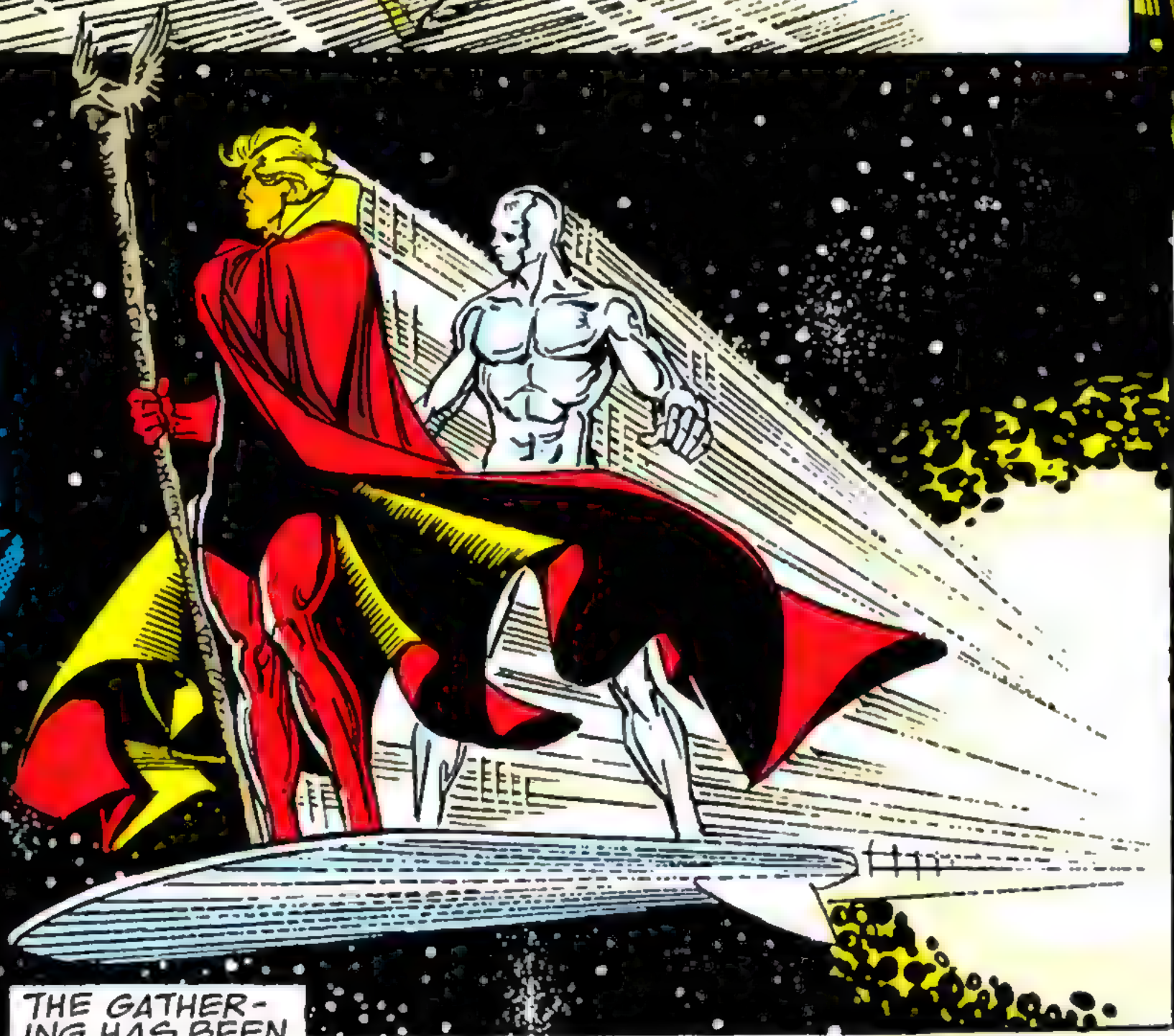
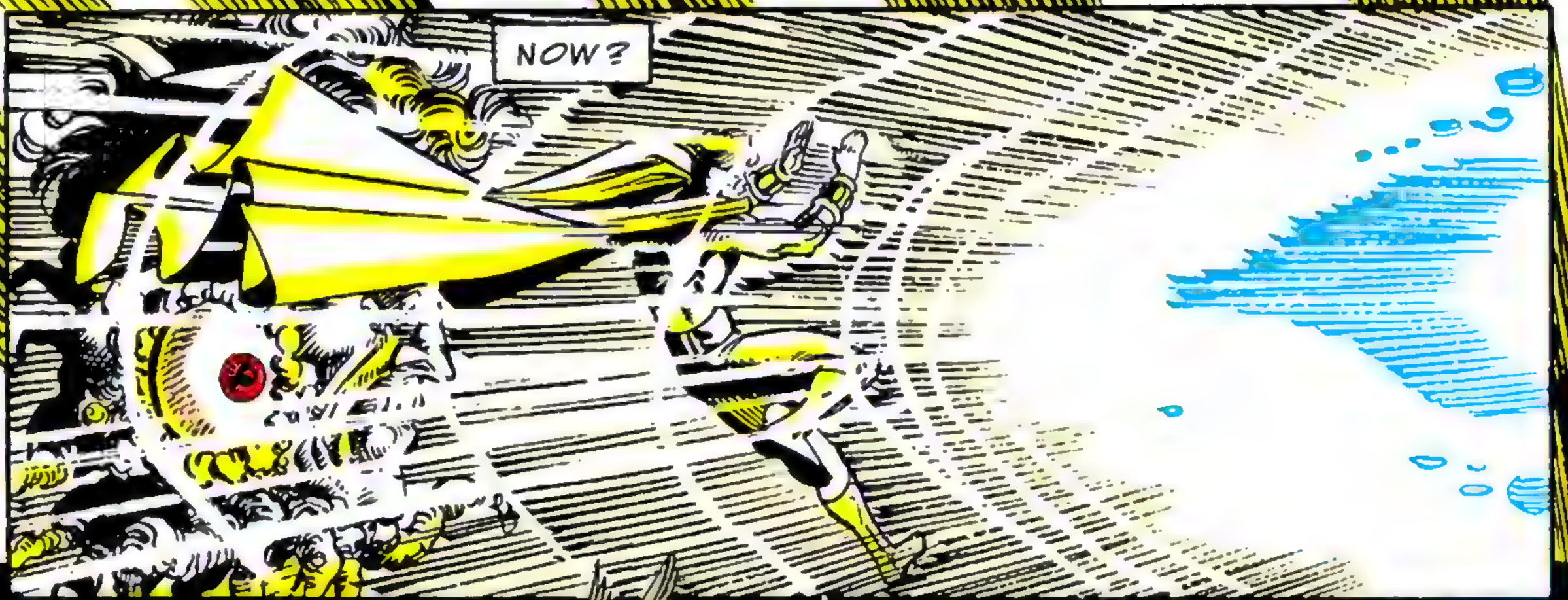
ODDS ARE AGAINST ANY OF US LIVING TO SEE TOMORROW!



EPOCH, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

WHEN'S THIS COSMIC SUMMIT GOING TO HAPPEN?

SOON, QUASAR.
SOON.



NOT EVEN MY EXPERIENCES AS EARTH'S COSMIC DEFENDER HAS PREPARED ME FOR ANYTHING LIKE THIS.

I KNOW WHO THEY ARE FROM STORIES EON HAD TOLD ME.

BUT TO ACTUALLY BE IN THEIR COLLECTIVE PRESENCE IS OVERWHELMING.

THEY ARE THE ASTRAL DEITIES OF THE UNIVERSE!

THE MYSTERIOUS WATCHER!

LORD CHAOS AND MASTER ORDER, THE GALACTIC BALANCE.

THE POWERFUL AND ENIGMATIC STRANGER!

THE MYSTERIOUS EMBODIMENTS OF LOVE AND HATE!

ETERNITY, THE ACTUAL EMBODIMENT OF ALL THERE IS!

THE LIVING TRIBUNAL, THE COSMIC JUDGE OF ALL REALITIES

THE MIGHTY DESTROYER OF WORLDS, GALACTUS!

I WAS EXPECTING NEITHER ETERNITY NOR THE LIVING TRIBUNAL.

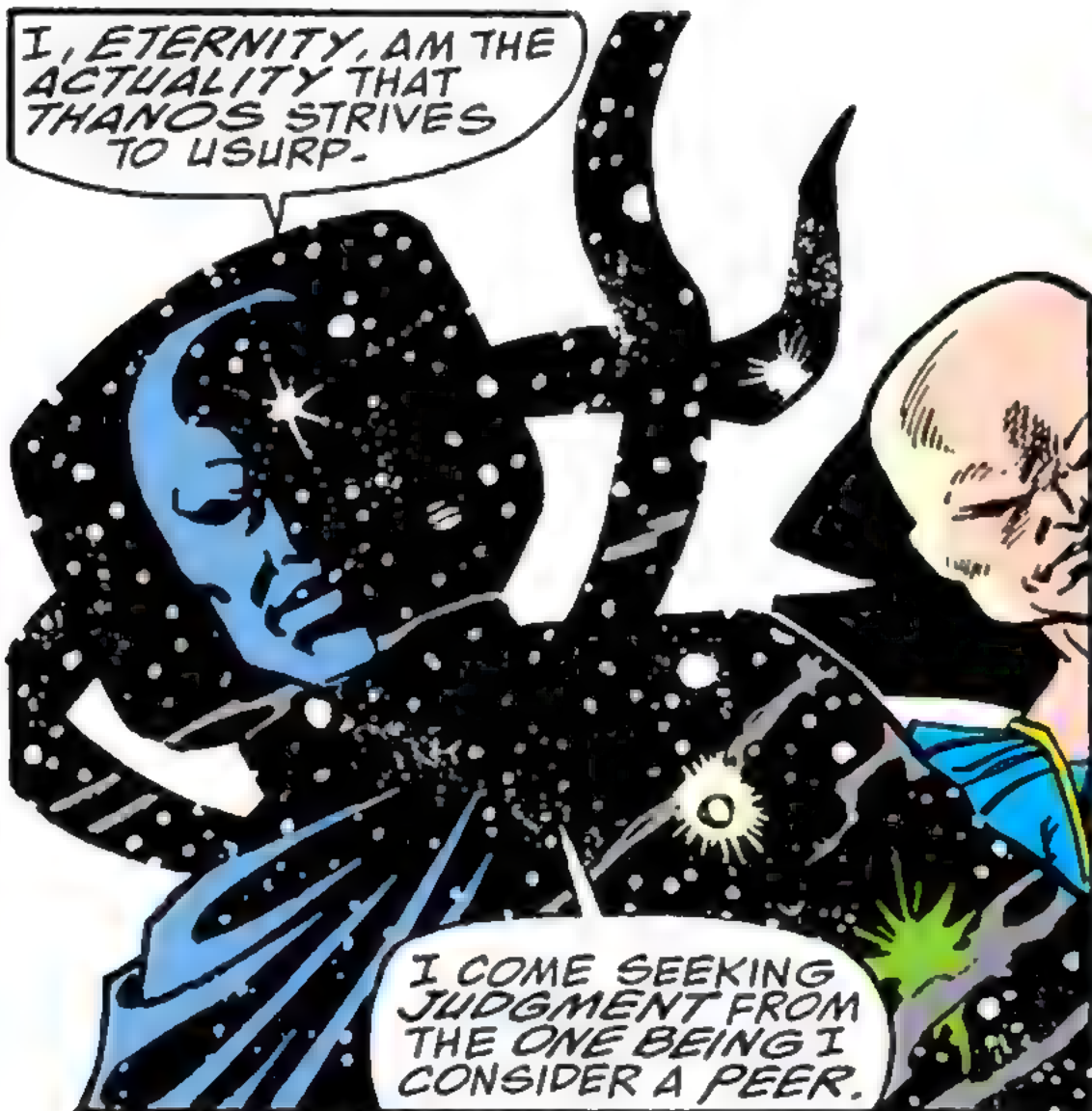
THEIR PRESENCE ALSO COMES AS A SURPRISE TO ME.

KRONOS, THE TITAN GOD OF TIME!

AND TWO GIANTS THAT CAN ONLY BE CELESTIALS!



I, ETERNITY, AM THE ACTUALITY THAT THANOS STRIVES TO USURP.



I COME SEEKING JUDGMENT FROM THE ONE BEING I CONSIDER A PEER.

AND SO THE LIVING TRIBUNAL STANDS PRESENT AT ETERNITY'S REQUEST TO HEAR HIS CASE.

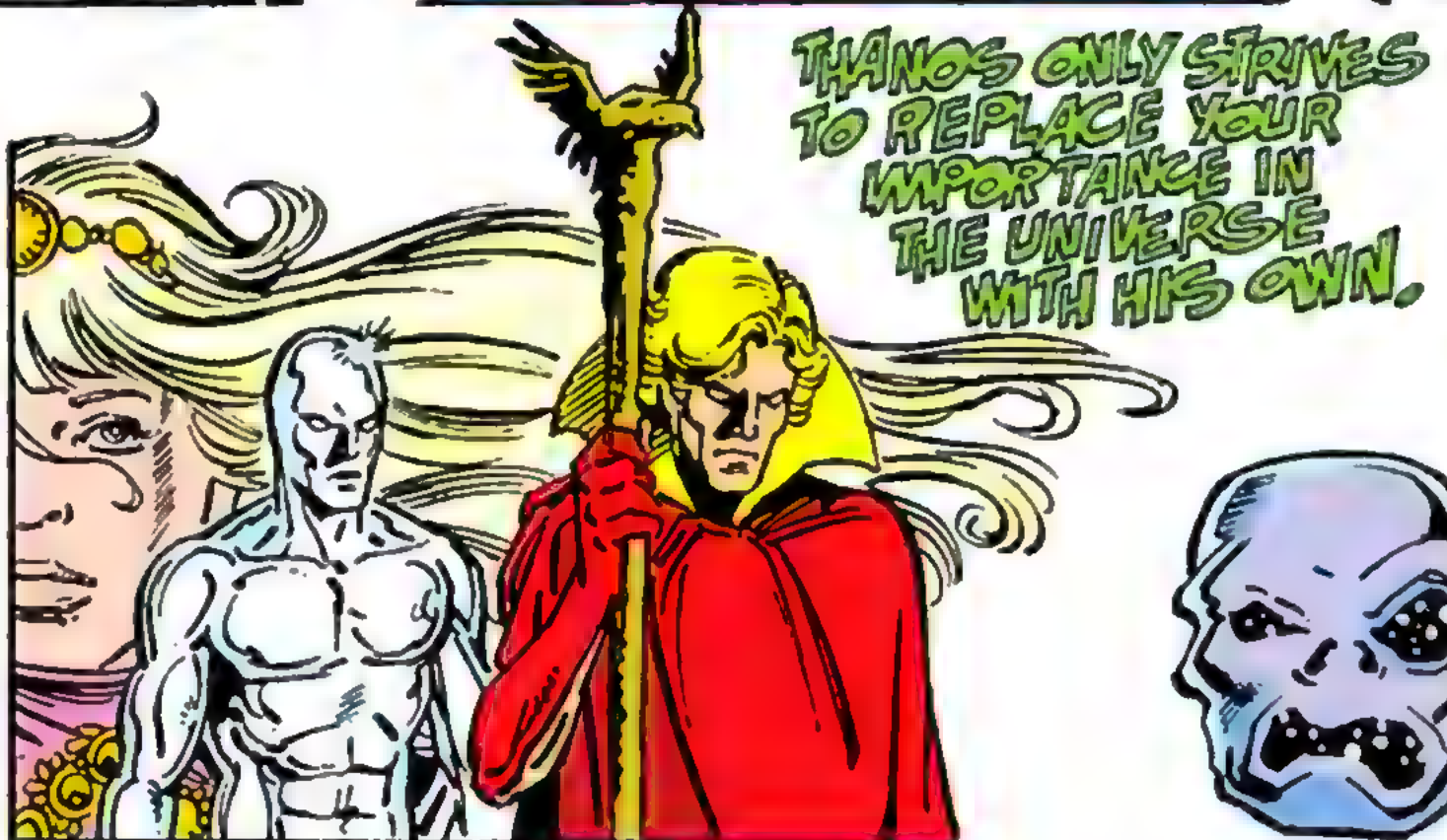


THE MAD TITAN SEEKS TO UNBALANCE THAT WHICH IS, THROW THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE INTO A MANIACAL ENTROPY.

I HAVE CONSIDERED THE MATTER AND CANNOT CONCUR.



THANOS ONLY STRIVES TO REPLACE YOUR IMPORTANCE IN THE UNIVERSE WITH HIS OWN.

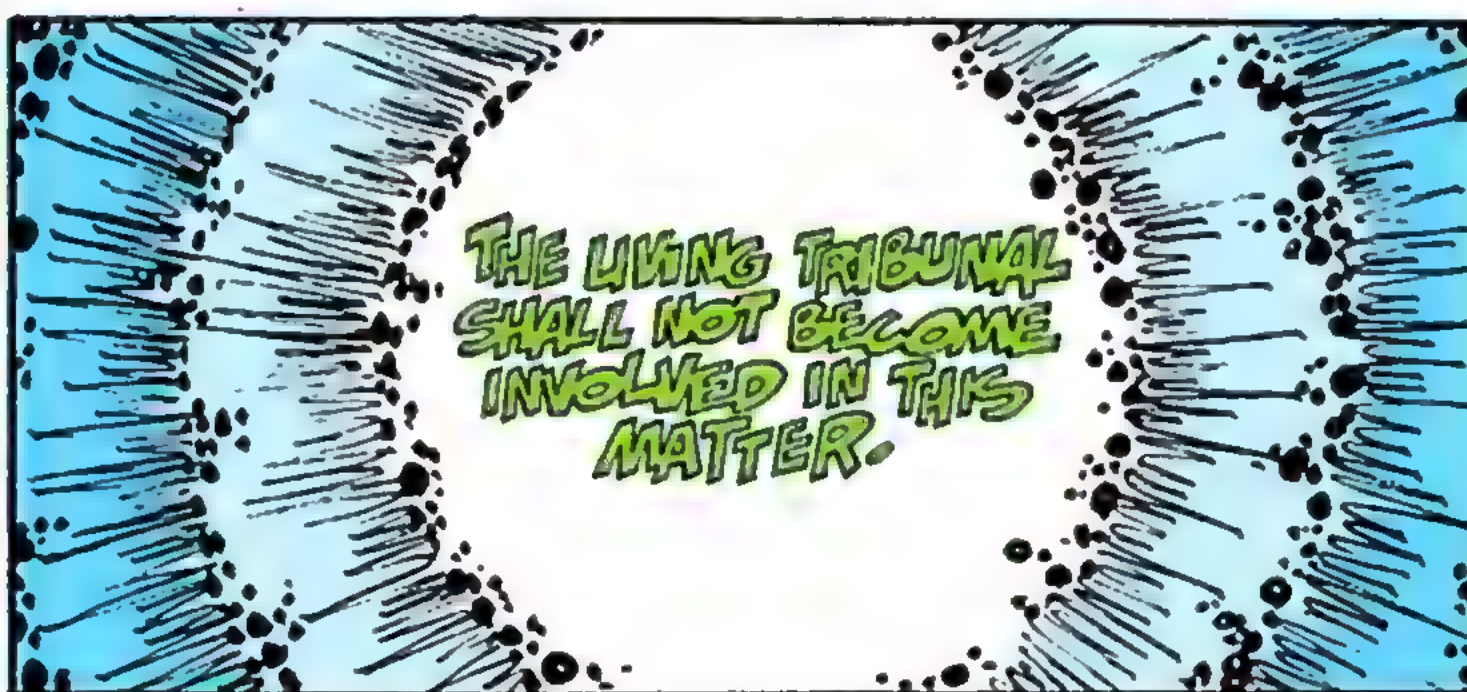


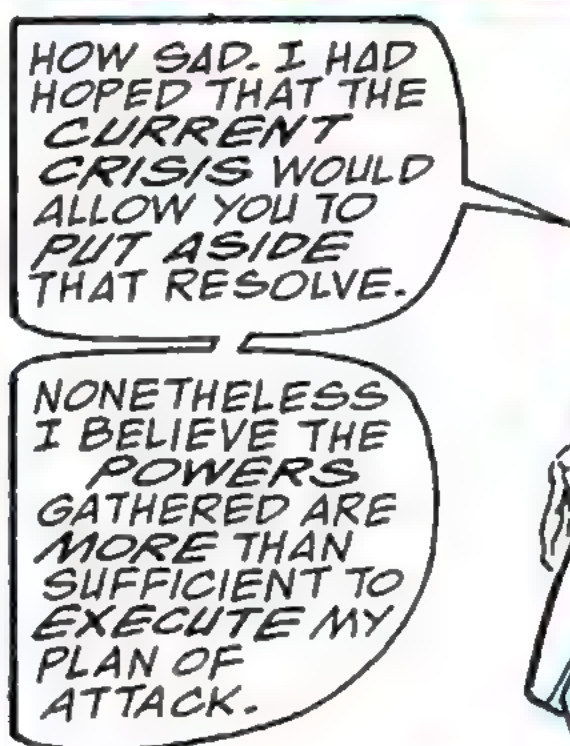
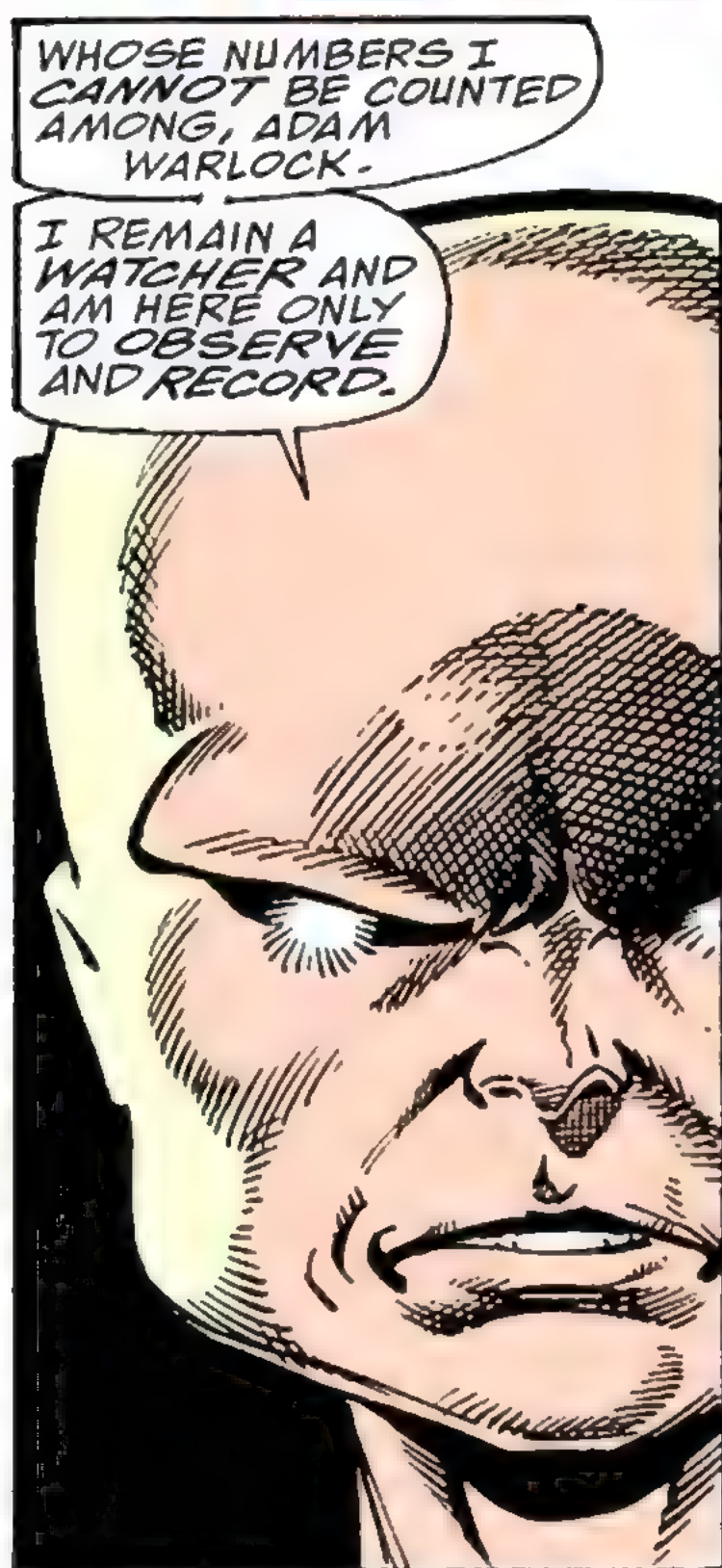
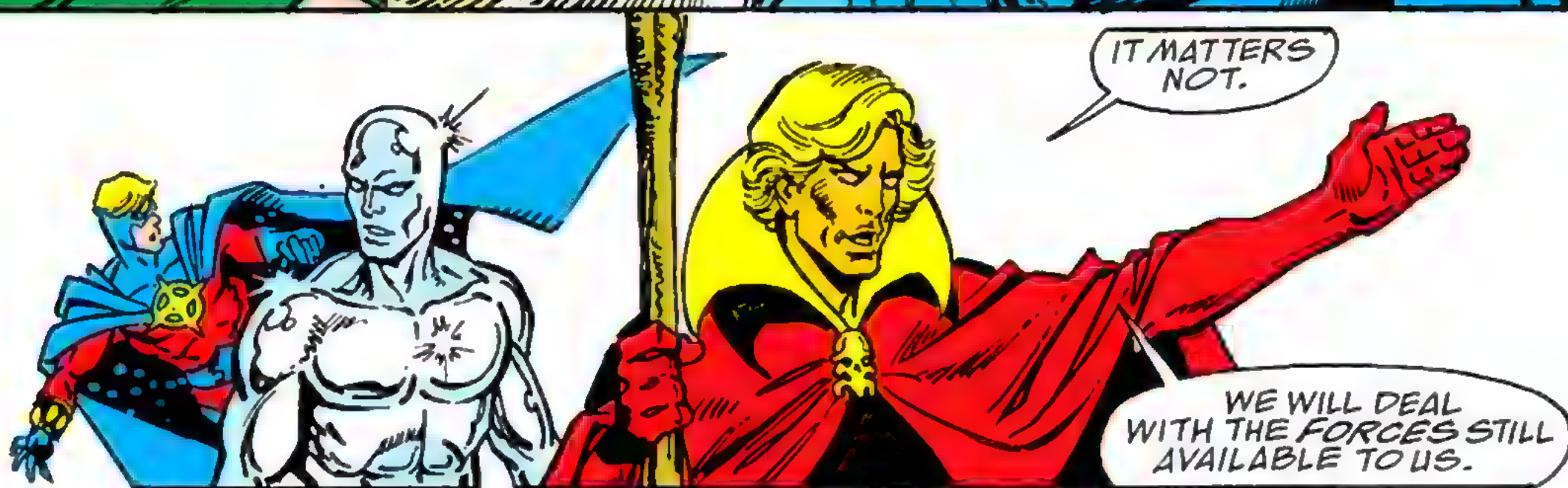
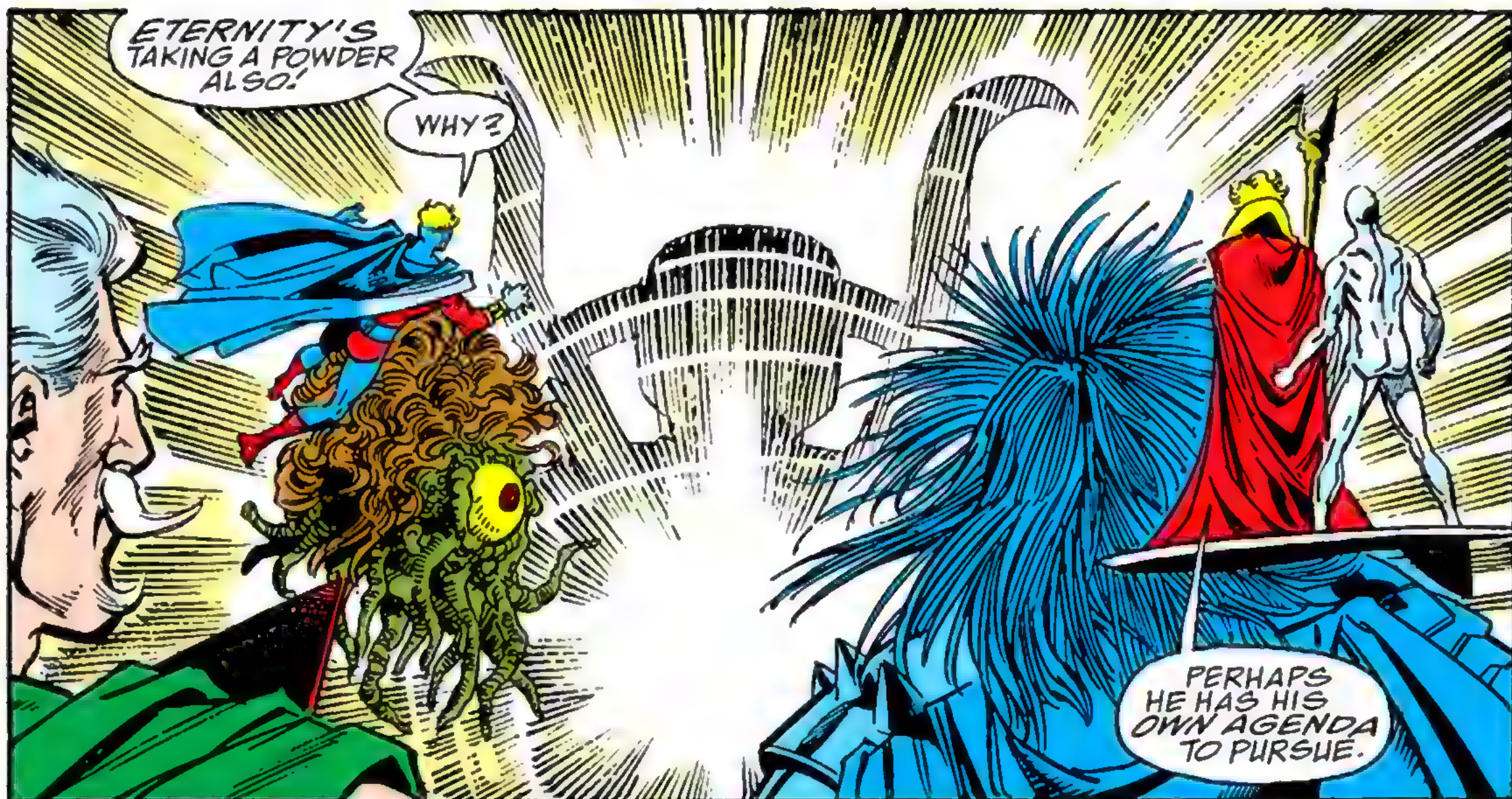
NATURAL SELECTION IS ONE OF THE UNIVERSE'S OLDEST CANONS: THE STRONG REPLACE THE WEAK.

IT IS AS IT SHOULD BE. NO COSMIC CRIME IS BEING COMMITTED.



THE LIVING TRIBUNAL SHALL NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.





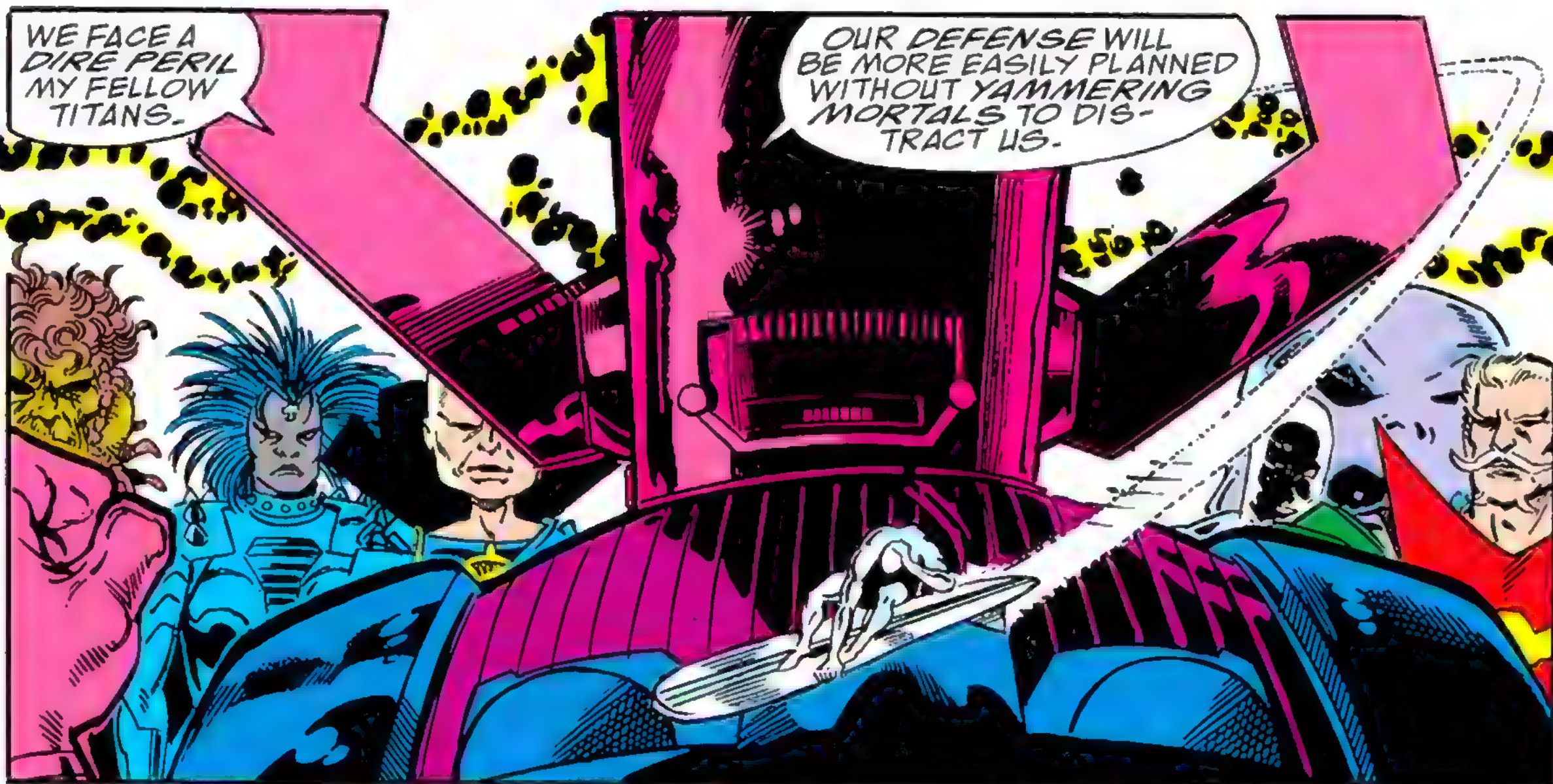
THAT IS WHY
I AM HERE.

GALACTUS DOES NOT
HEED THE EMPTY
WORDS OF INSECTS,
EVEN GOLDEN
ONES.



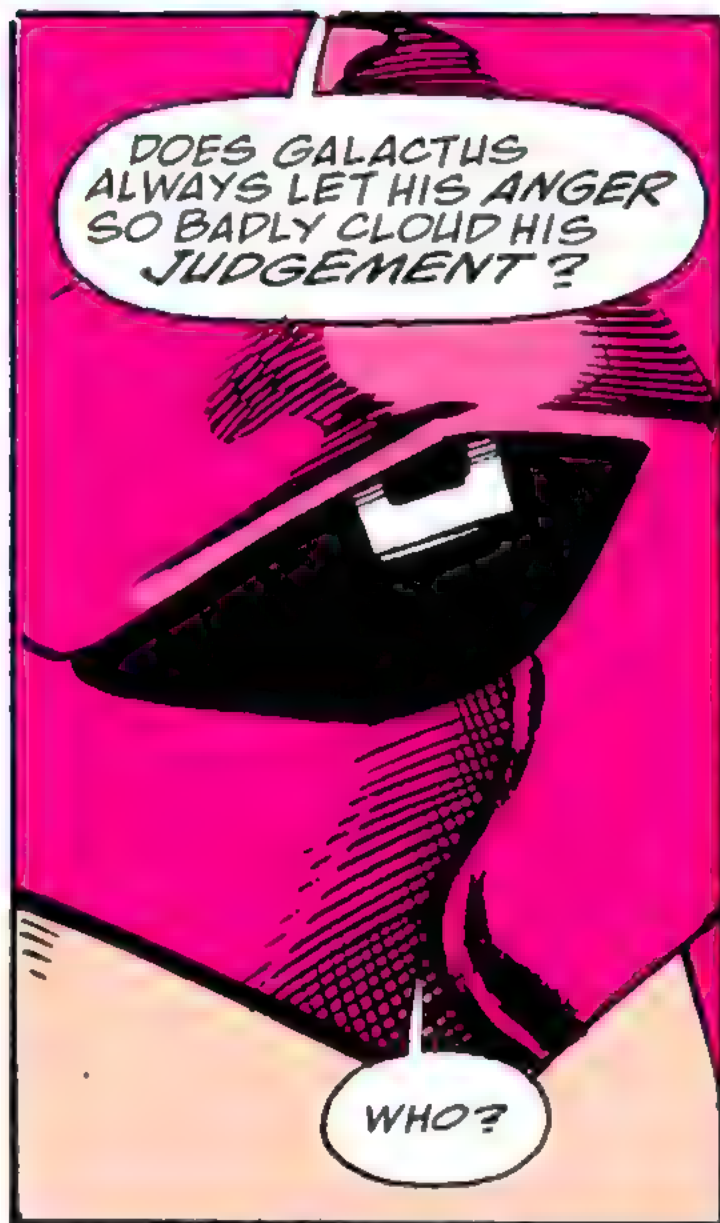
THEN GALACTUS
IS A FOOL.





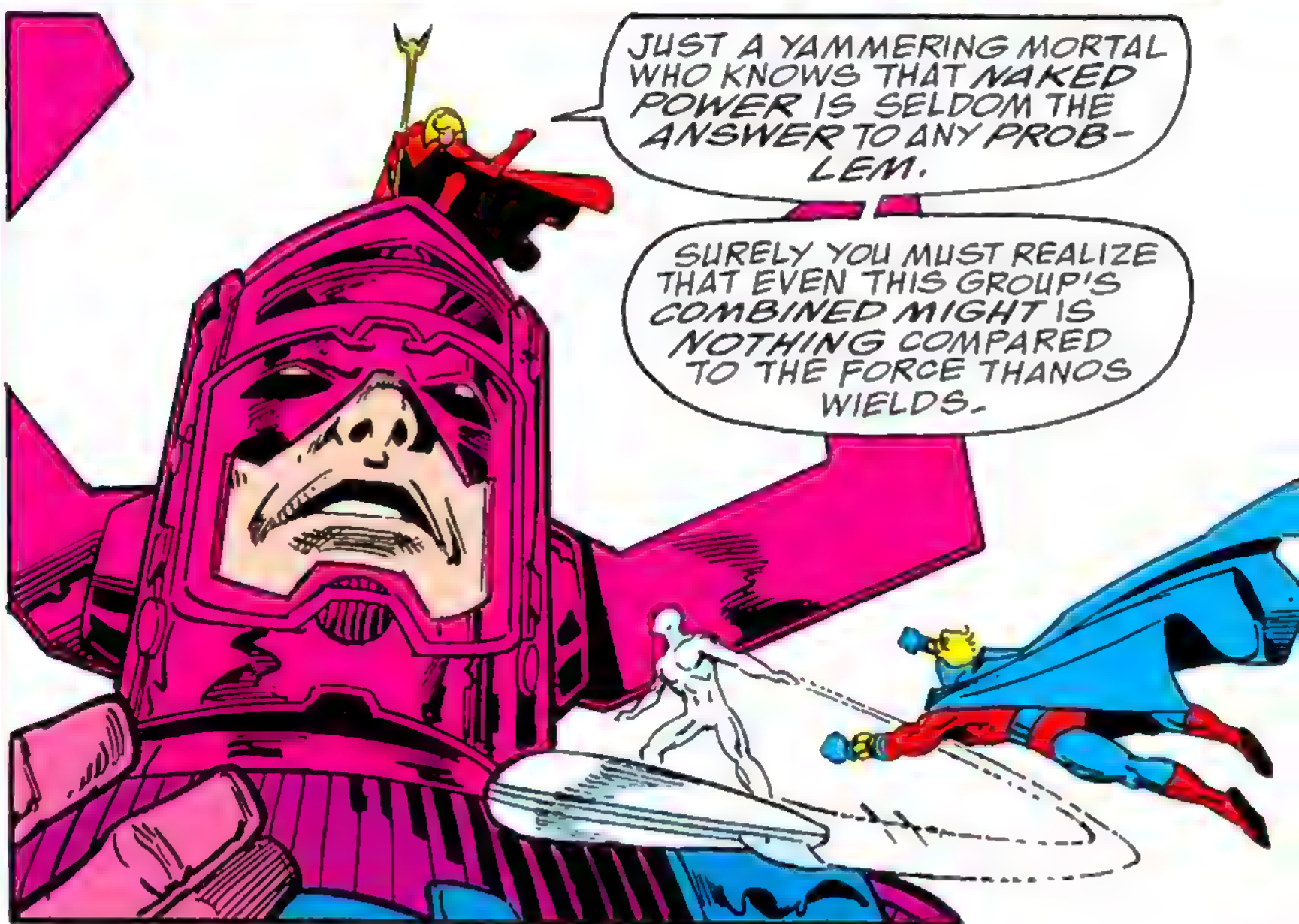
WE FACE A
DIRE PERIL
MY FELLOW
TITANS.

OUR DEFENSE WILL
BE MORE EASILY PLANNED
WITHOUT YAMMERING
MORTALS TO DIS-
TRACT US.



DOES GALACTUS
ALWAYS LET HIS ANGER
SO BADLY CLOUD HIS
JUDGEMENT?

WHO?



JUST A YAMMERING MORTAL
WHO KNOWS THAT NAKED
POWER IS SELDOM THE
ANSWER TO ANY PROBLEM.

SURELY YOU MUST REALIZE
THAT EVEN THIS GROUP'S
COMBINED MIGHT IS
NOTHING COMPARED
TO THE FORCE THANOS
WIELDS.



ONLY A RICHLY COMPLEX
AND SKILLFULLY EXECUTED
STRATEGY WILL INSURE
YOUR SURVIVAL.

TIME
IS SHORT
AND I HAVE
SUCH A PLAN.



GALACTUS, WE KNOW
THIS ADAM WARLOCK.

HE IS ONE OUTSIDE
THE LOOP OF DES-
TINY AND CAPABLE OF
WONDROUS DEEDS.

MASTER ORDER
AND LORD CHAOS
HAVE WEIGHED THE
OPTIONS...

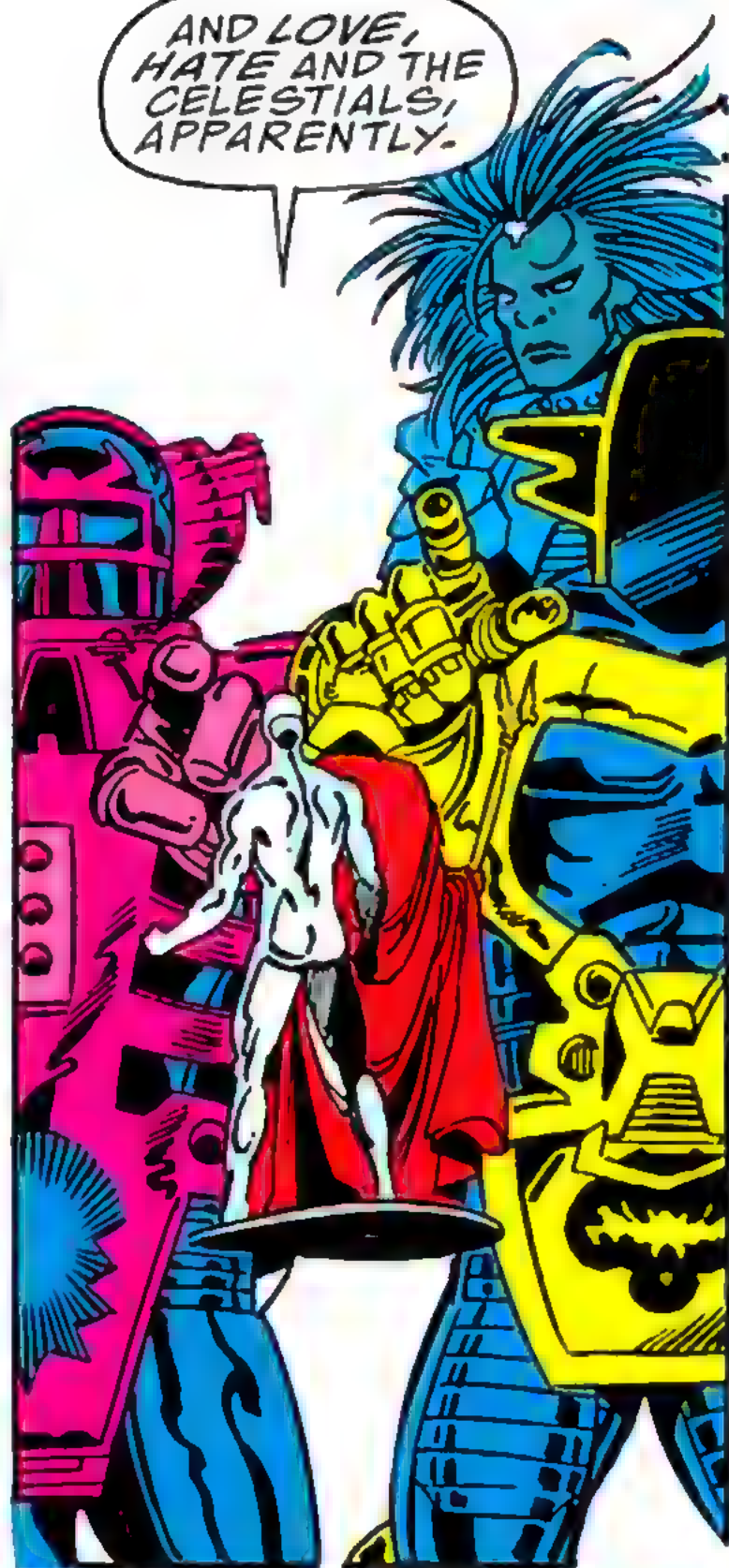
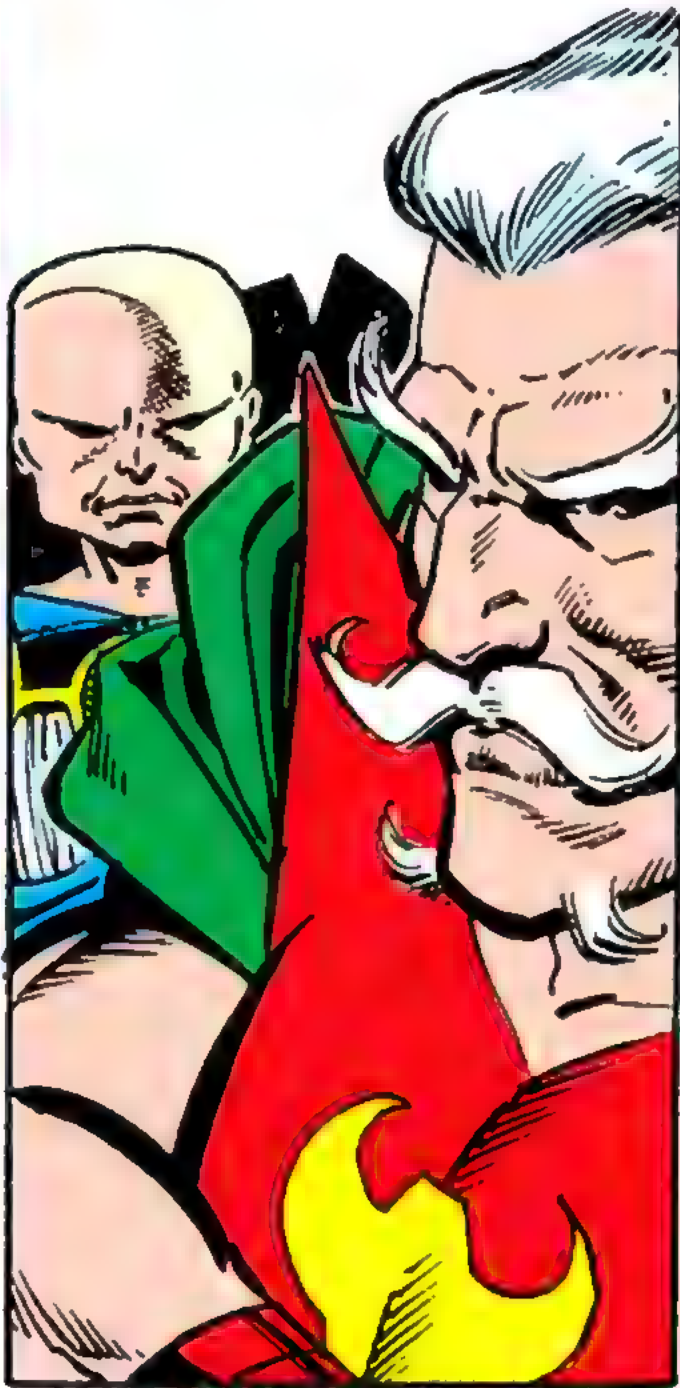
... AND CHOSE TO
JOIN FORCES
WITH ADAM
WARLOCK.



EPOCH AND HIS CHAMPION,
QUASAR, ALSO ALLY
THEMSELVES WITH
WARLOCK.

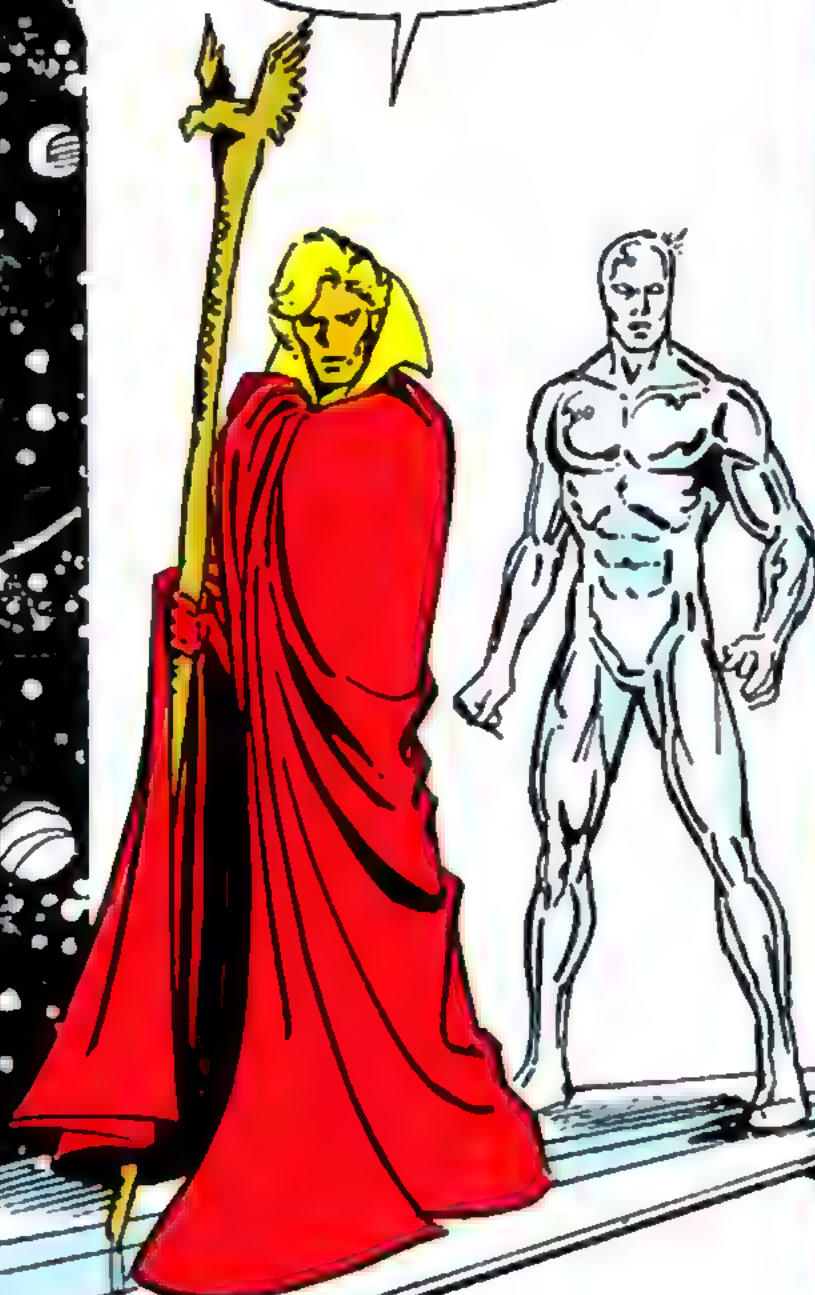
AS DOES THE
STRANGER.

AND LOVE,
HATE AND THE
CELESTIALS,
APPARENTLY.



YOU CAN
INCLUDE LORD
KRONOS ALSO,
MORTAL.

WHAT NOW,
PROUD
AND MIGHTY
GALACTUS?



NEVER BEFORE FELT THINGS SO
TENSE AROUND AVENGERS'
HEADQUARTERS.

THE WAITING'S GOT ME
GOING UP THE WALL.

VIS, WHAT DO YOU
FIGURE OUR CHANCES
ARE OF BEATING
THIS THANOS
CHARACTER?

NEXT TO
ZERO.

HUH?

BUT DIDN'T THE
AVENGERS
TAKE THIS DUDE
DOWN A COUPLE
TIMES?

NOT EXACTLY.

IN THOSE ENCOUNTERS
THE AVENGERS WON
THE DAY, BUT NOT
WITHOUT HELP.

NO, I
MEAN FROM
THANOS
HIMSELF.

IN BOTH BATTLES THANOS
PROVIDED US WITH THE
MEANS TO THWART
HIS DARK PLANS.

WHETHER HE DID SO
CONSCIOUSLY OR
SUBCONSCIOUSLY
I DO NOT KNOW.

YOU
MEAN FROM
CAPTAIN
MARVEL
AND
WARLOCK?

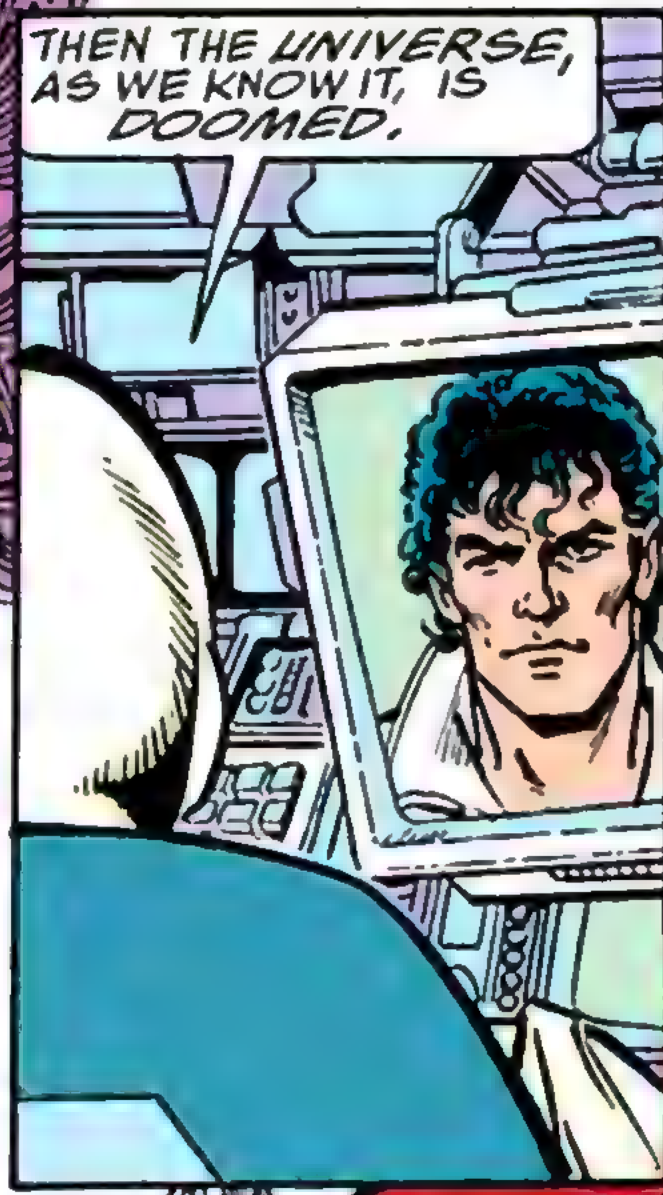


THEN YOU'RE SAYING...

...THAT OUR FIGHTING FORCES CAN VANQUISH THANOS ONLY IF HE WISHES TO BE DEFEATED.



AND IF HE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE GETTING HIS TAIL KICKED?



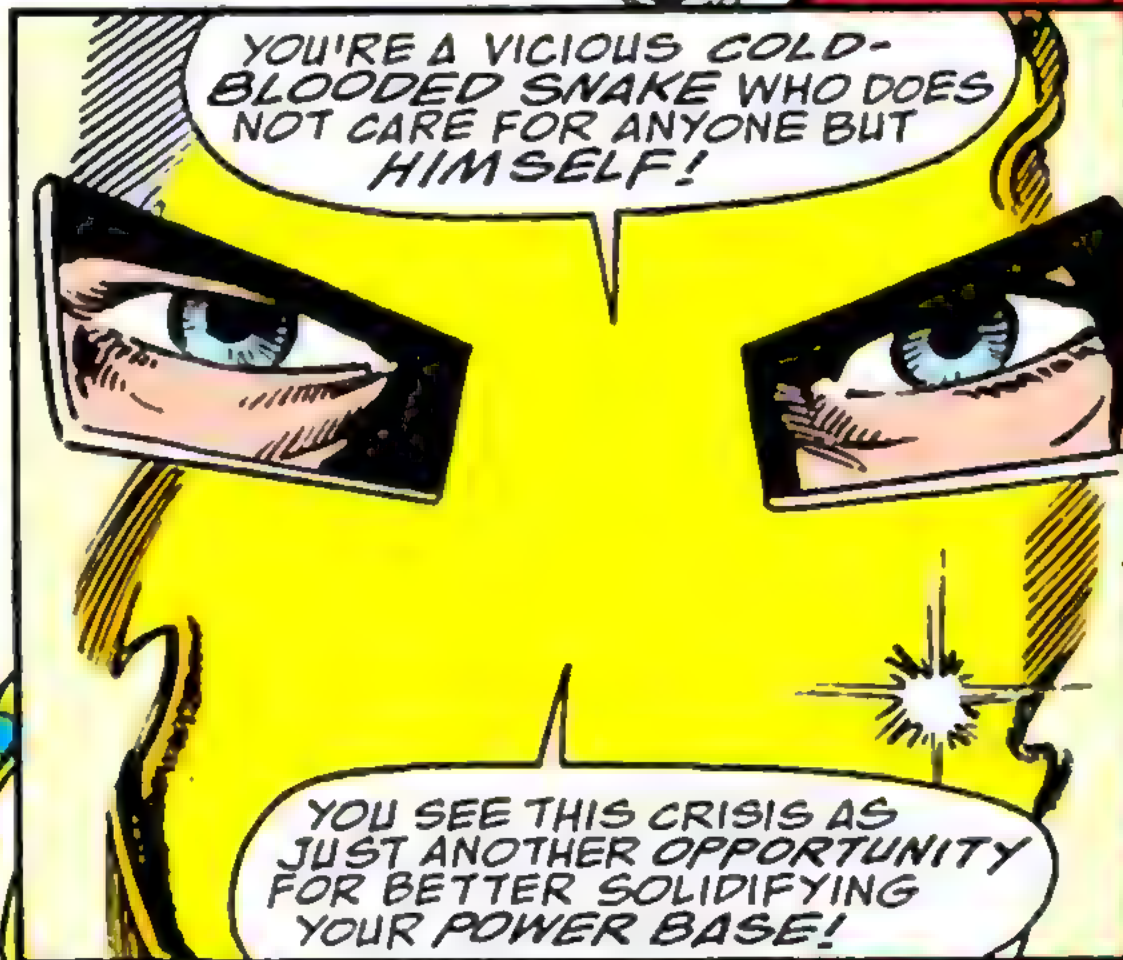
THEN THE UNIVERSE, AS WE KNOW IT, IS DOOMED.



I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE!!

SOMETHING WE'D BEST LOOK INTO.

WHAT'S THAT?



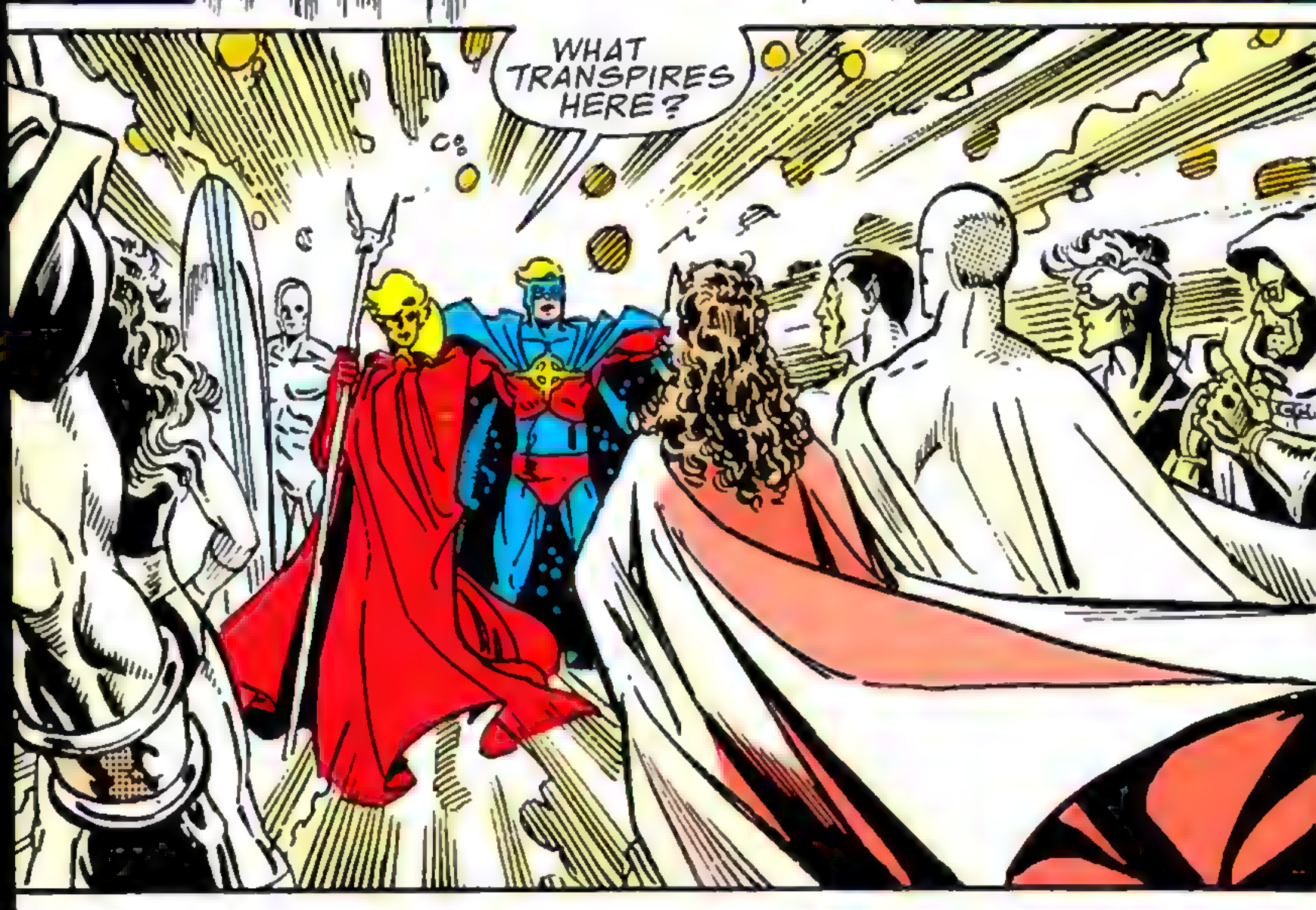
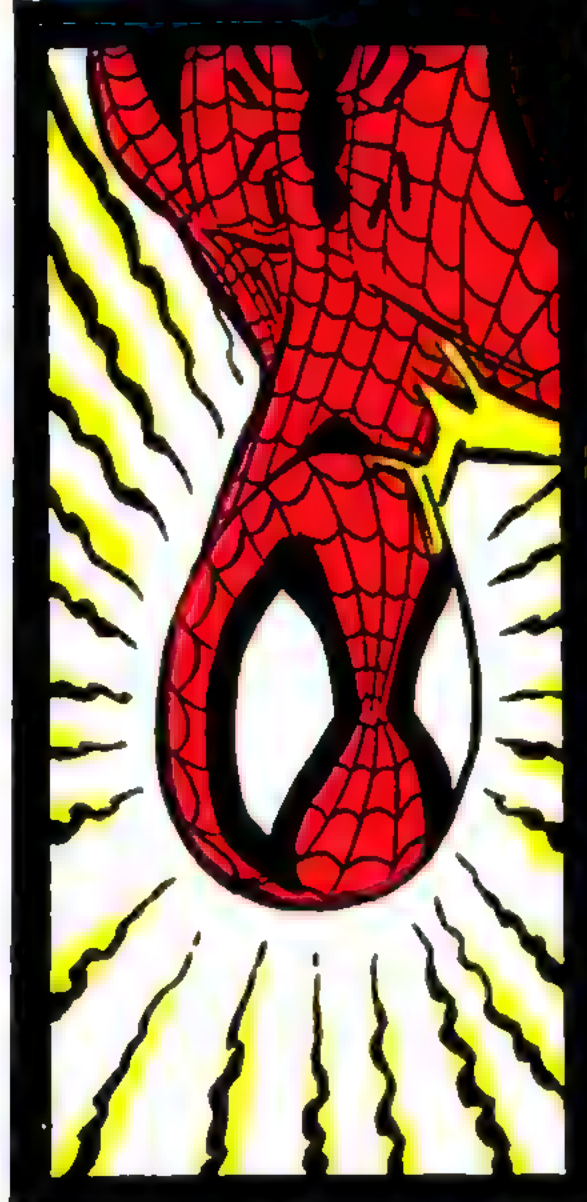
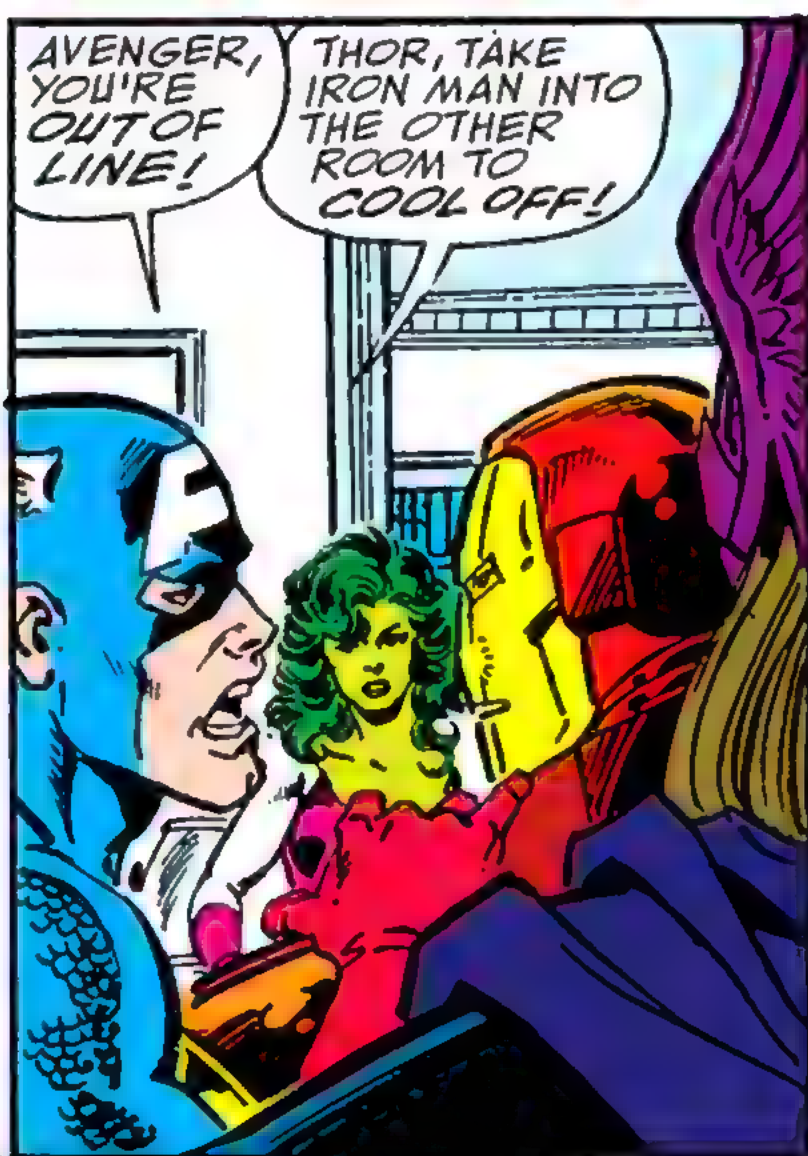
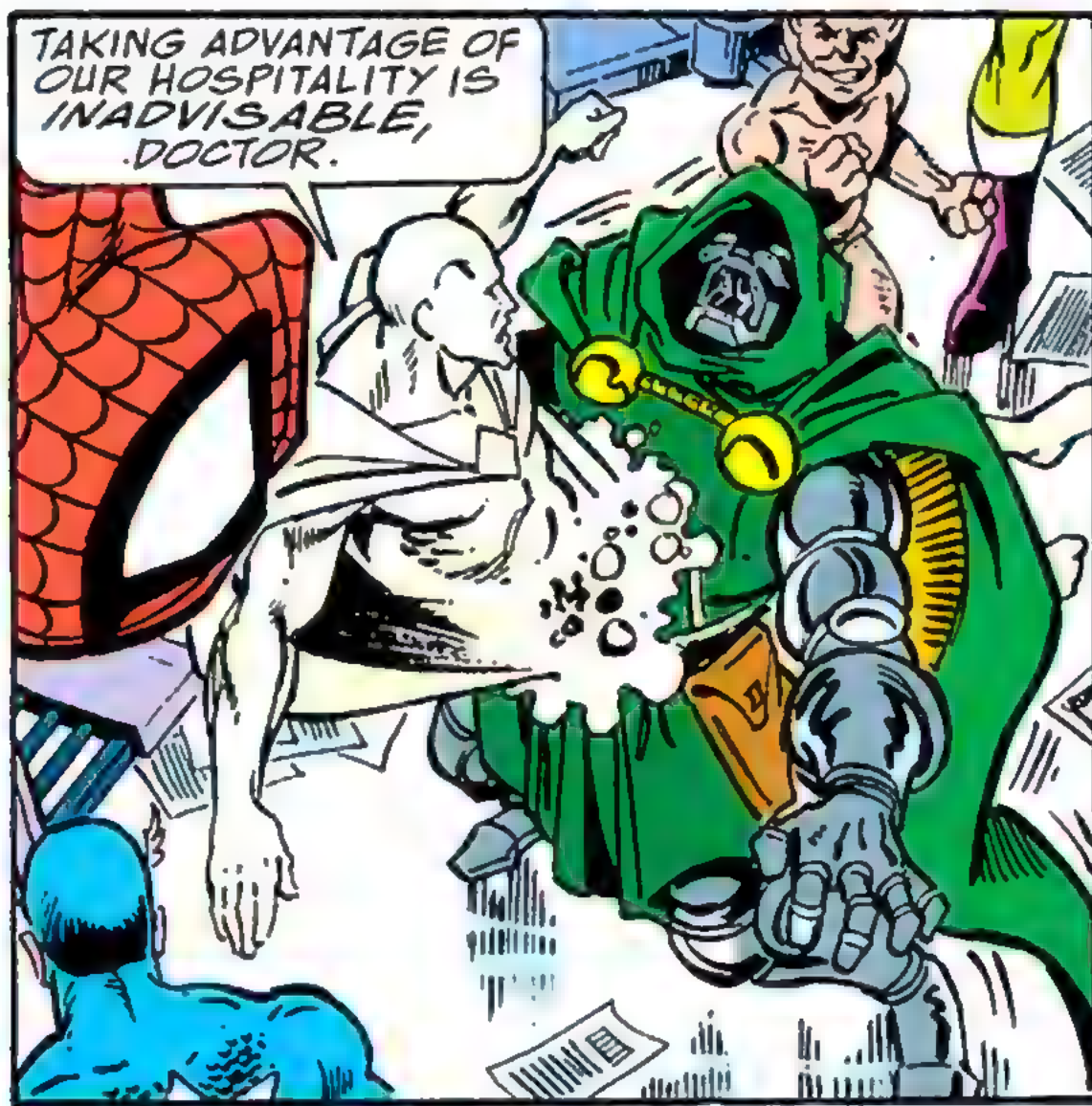
YOU'RE A VICIOUS COLD-BLOODED SNAKE WHO DOES NOT CARE FOR ANYONE BUT HIMSELF!

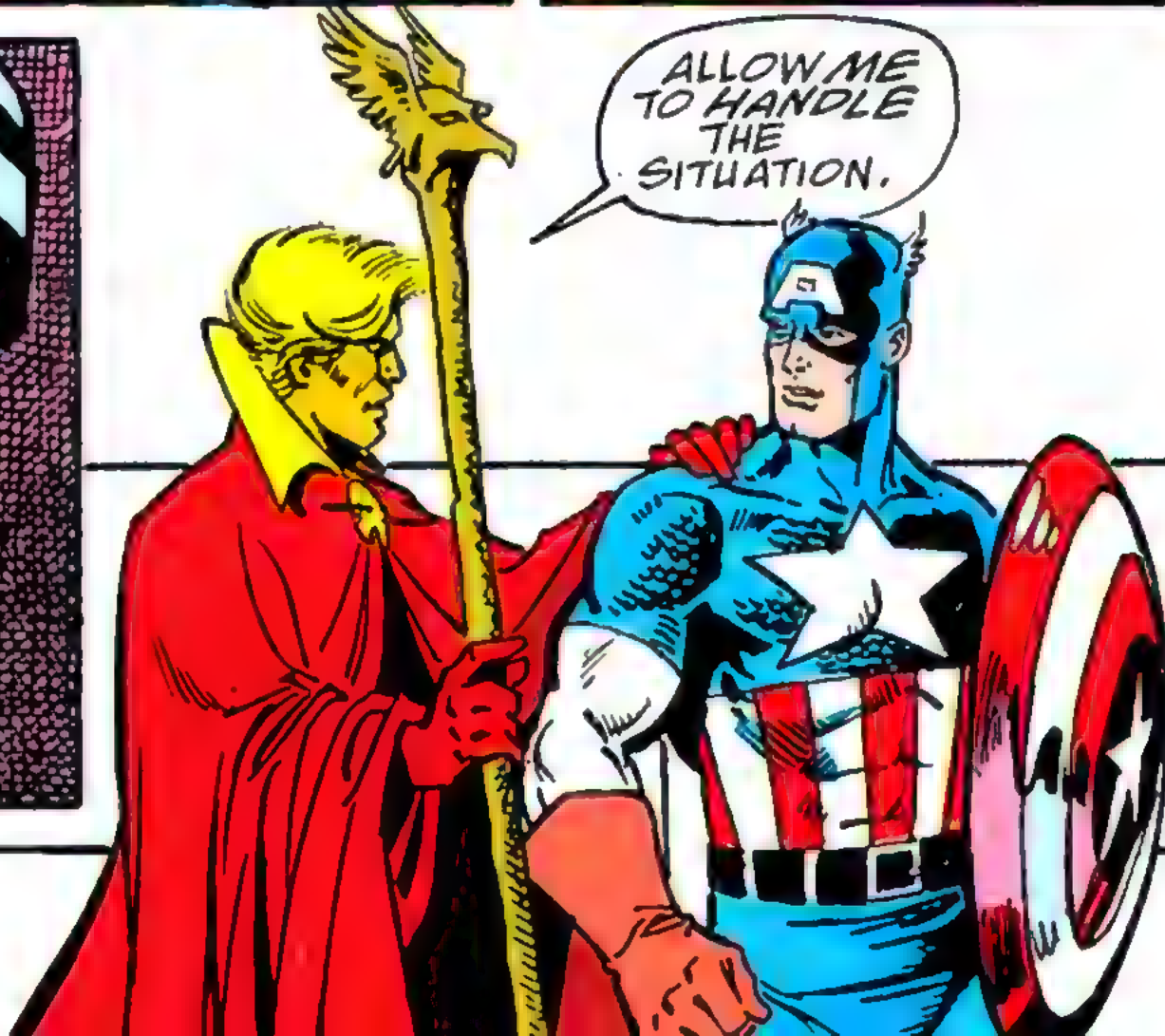
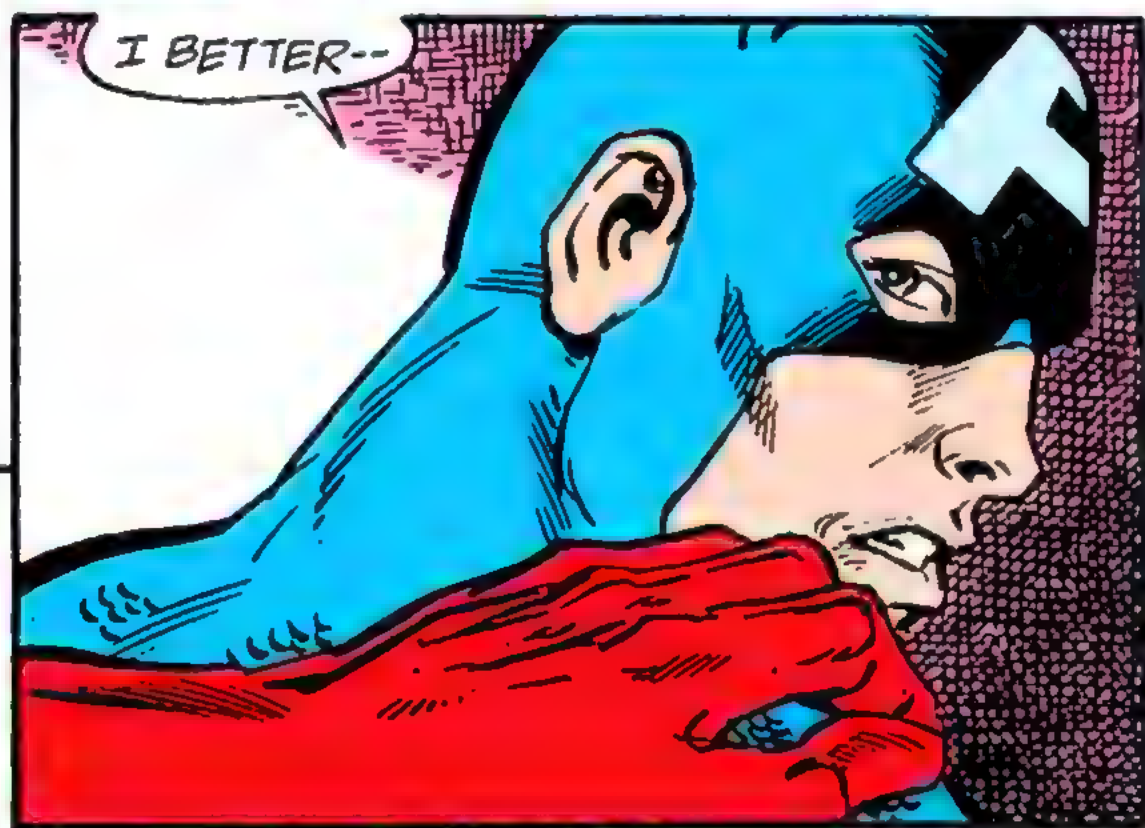
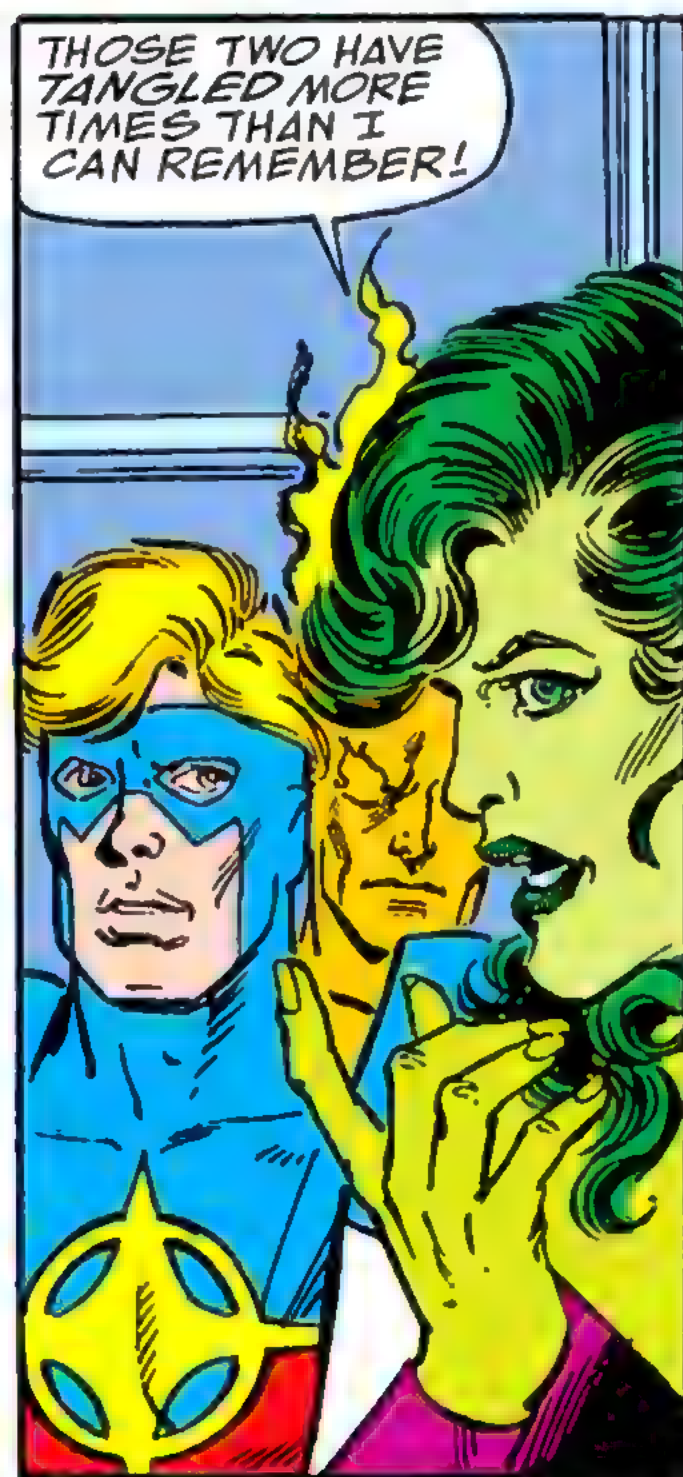
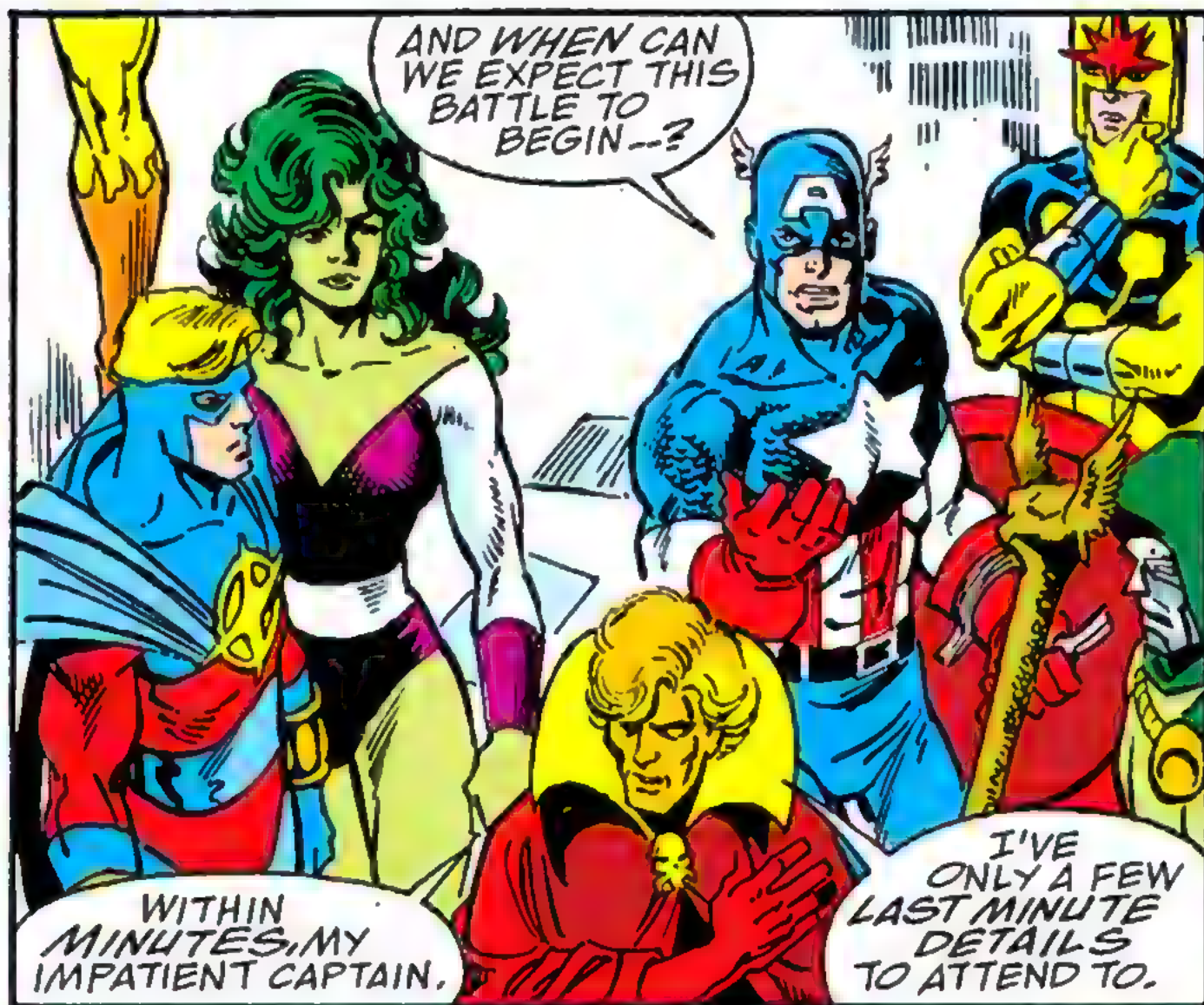
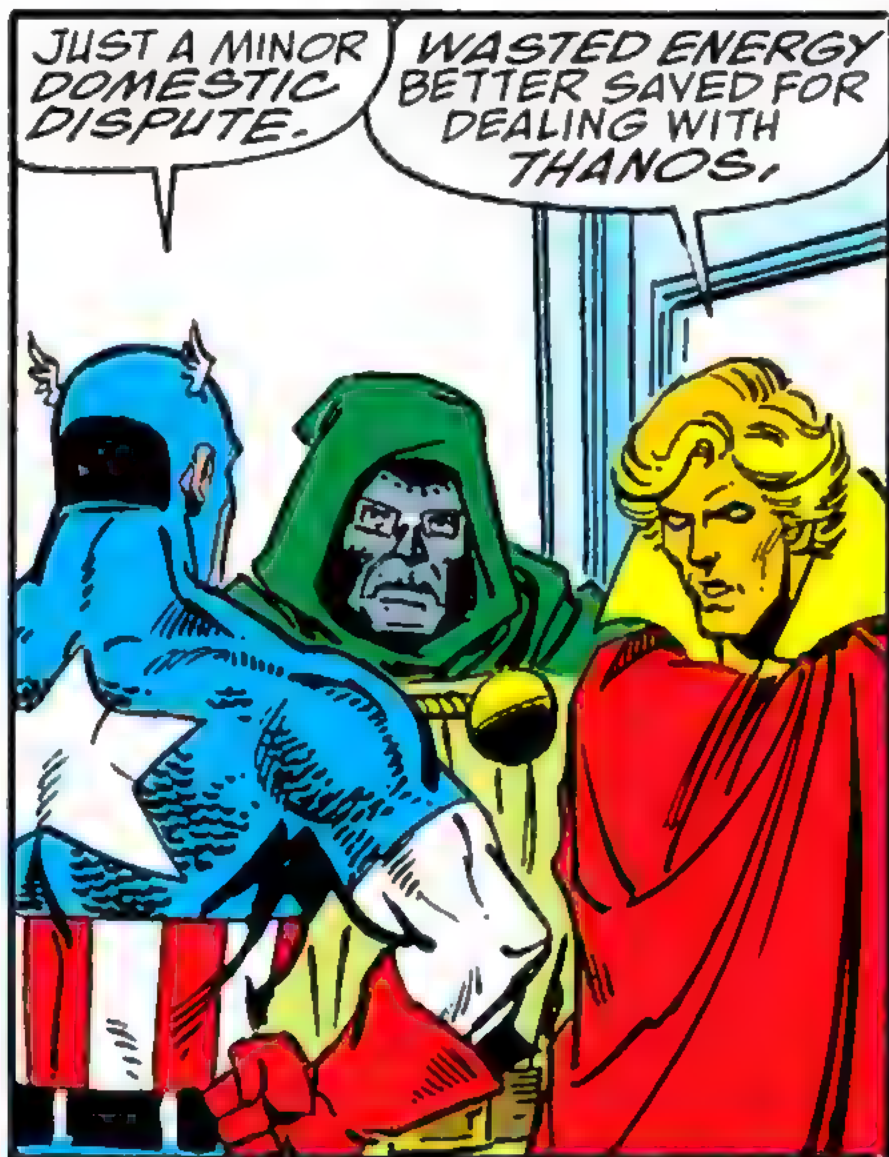
YOU SEE THIS CRISIS AS JUST ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR BETTER SOLIDIFYING YOUR POWER BASE!



YOU'RE PLANNING ON GRABBING WHATEVER YOU CAN OUT OF THIS MESS AND THE BLAZES WITH THE REST OF HUMANITY.

THAT IS MY WAY.



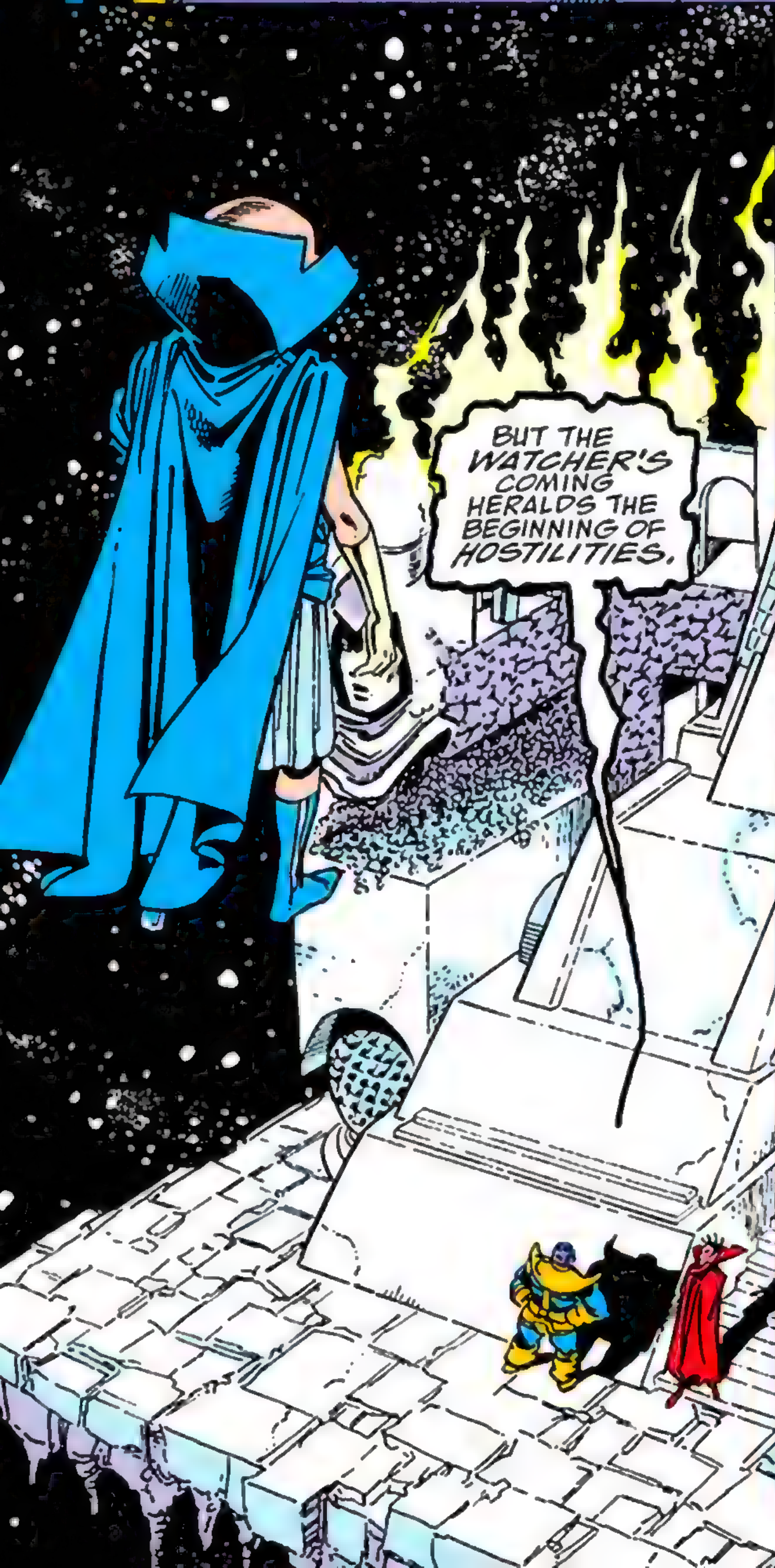




HOW LONG
HAS HE BEEN
HOVERING THERE?



ONLY A
FEW
MOMENTS.

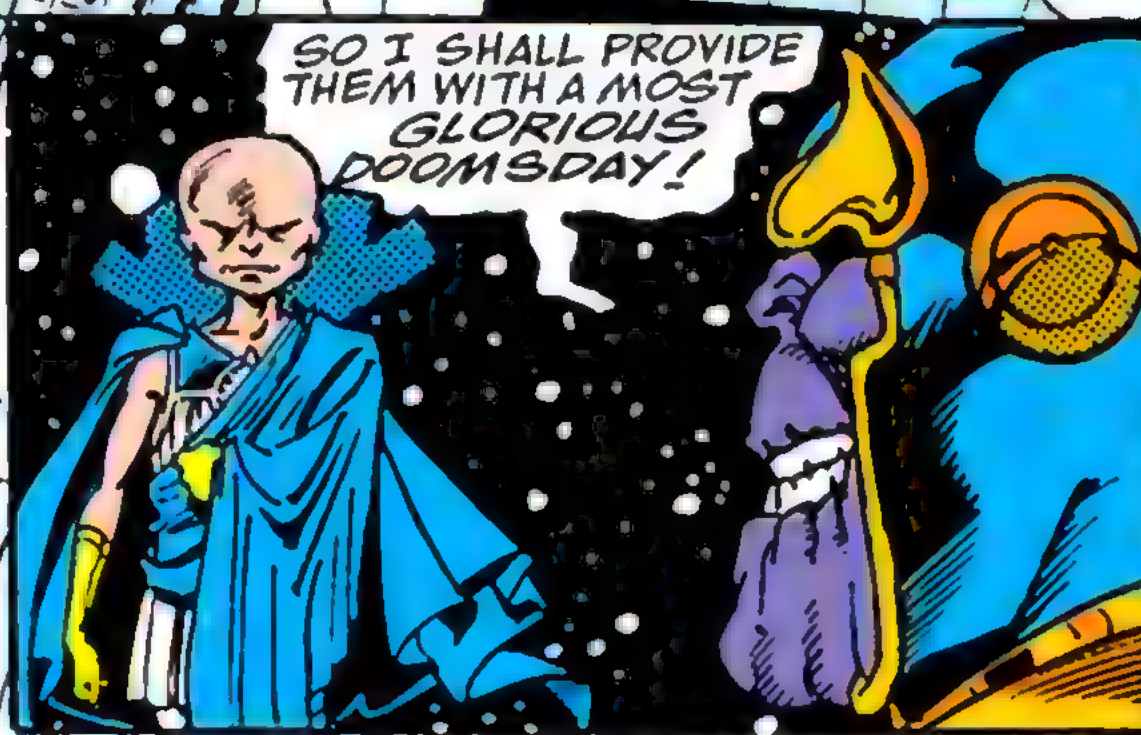


BUT THE
WATCHER'S
COMING
HERALDS THE
BEGINNING OF
HOSTILITIES.

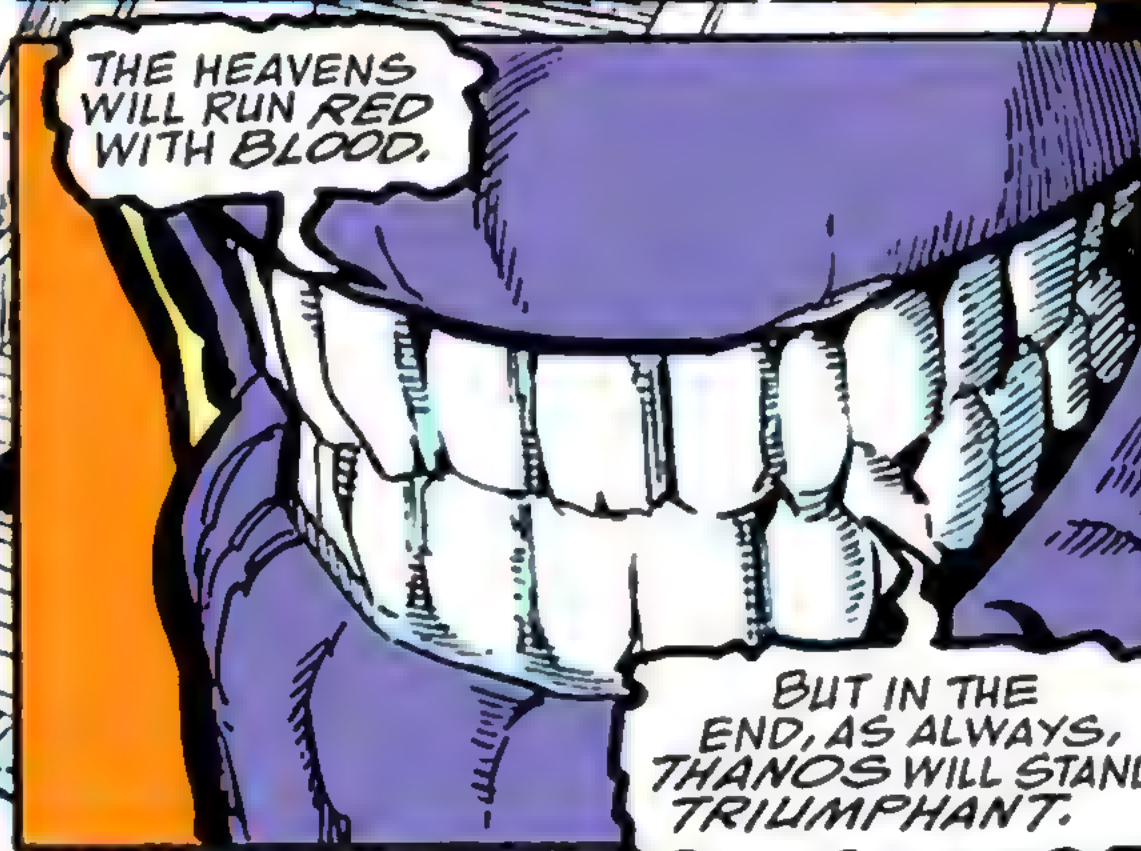


FOOLS TAKING UP
ARMS AGAINST
OMNIPOTENCE.

THEY RUSH
HEAD-ON INTO
ARMAGEDDON.

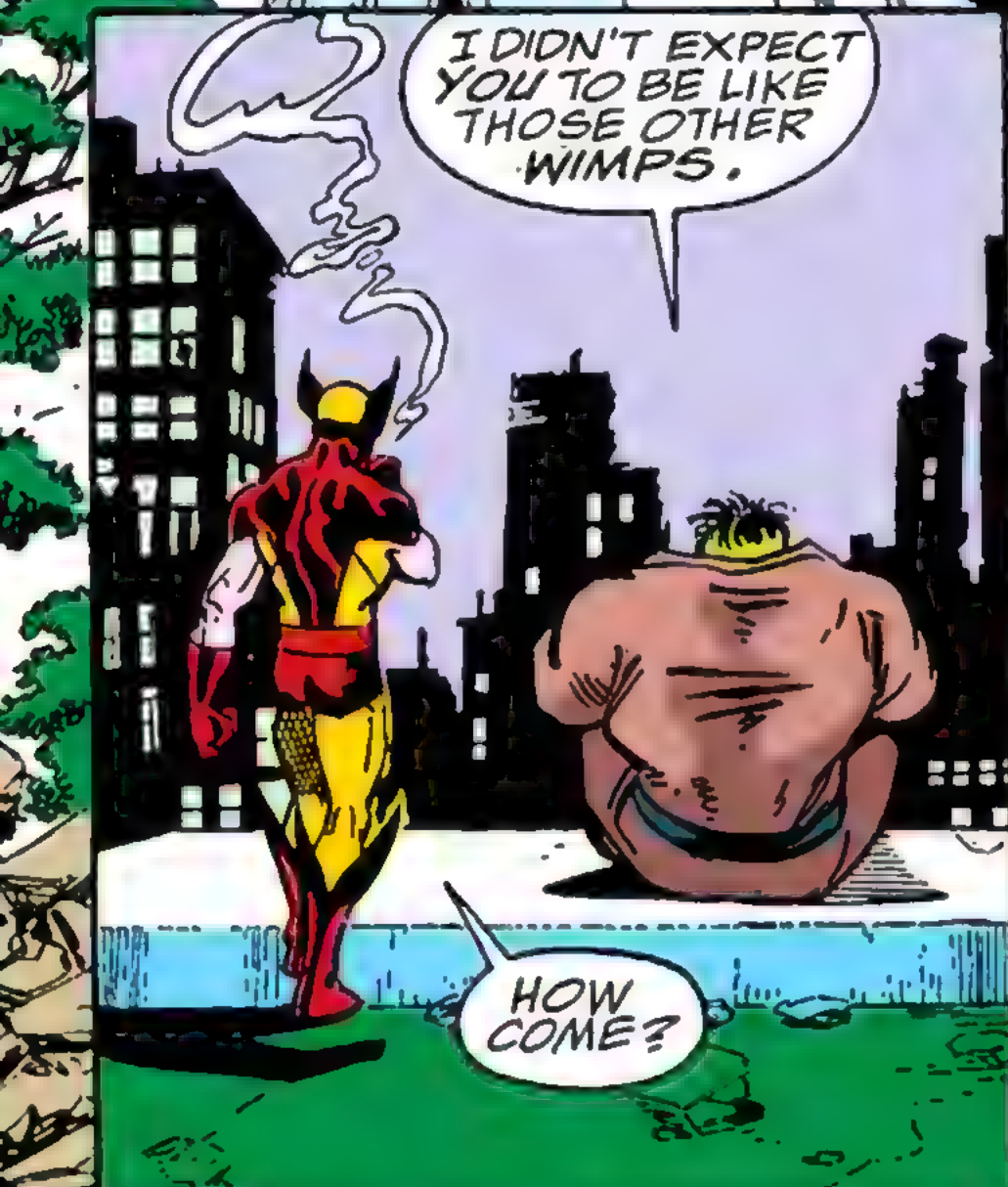


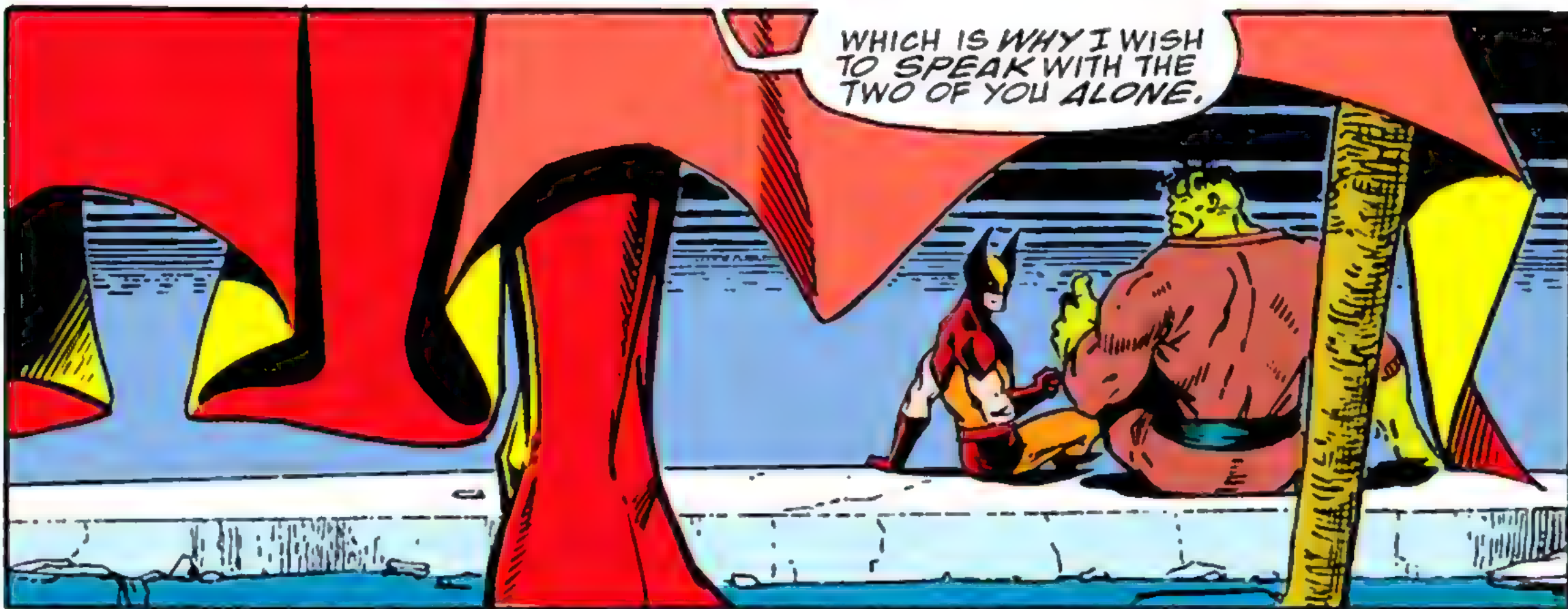
SO I SHALL PROVIDE
THEM WITH A MOST
GLORIOUS
DOOMSDAY!



THE HEAVENS
WILL RUN RED
WITH BLOOD.

BUT IN THE
END, AS ALWAYS,
THANOS WILL STAND
TRIUMPHANT.





WHICH IS WHY I WISH TO SPEAK WITH THE TWO OF YOU ALONE.



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, FANCY PANTS?

LIFE AND DEATH.



IN A SHORT WHILE, WE CONFRONT THANOS, A BEING OF UNIMAGINABLE POWER WHOSE SOLE GOAL IS THE DESTRUCTION OF ALL LIFE.

YOUR POINT?



EXTREME MEASURES MAY BE CALLED FOR IN DEALING WITH HIM.

MEANING WHAT?



YOU AND THE HULK HAVE AN OUTLOOK ON DEATH THE OTHERS DO NOT SHARE...

...EXCEPT FOR DOOM, BUT HE CANNOT BE TRUSTED.



IN OTHER WORDS, WE GET THE CHANCE...

...YOU WANT US TO SANCTION THANOS.



THAT IS AS GOOD A WAY OF PUTTING IT AS ANY.

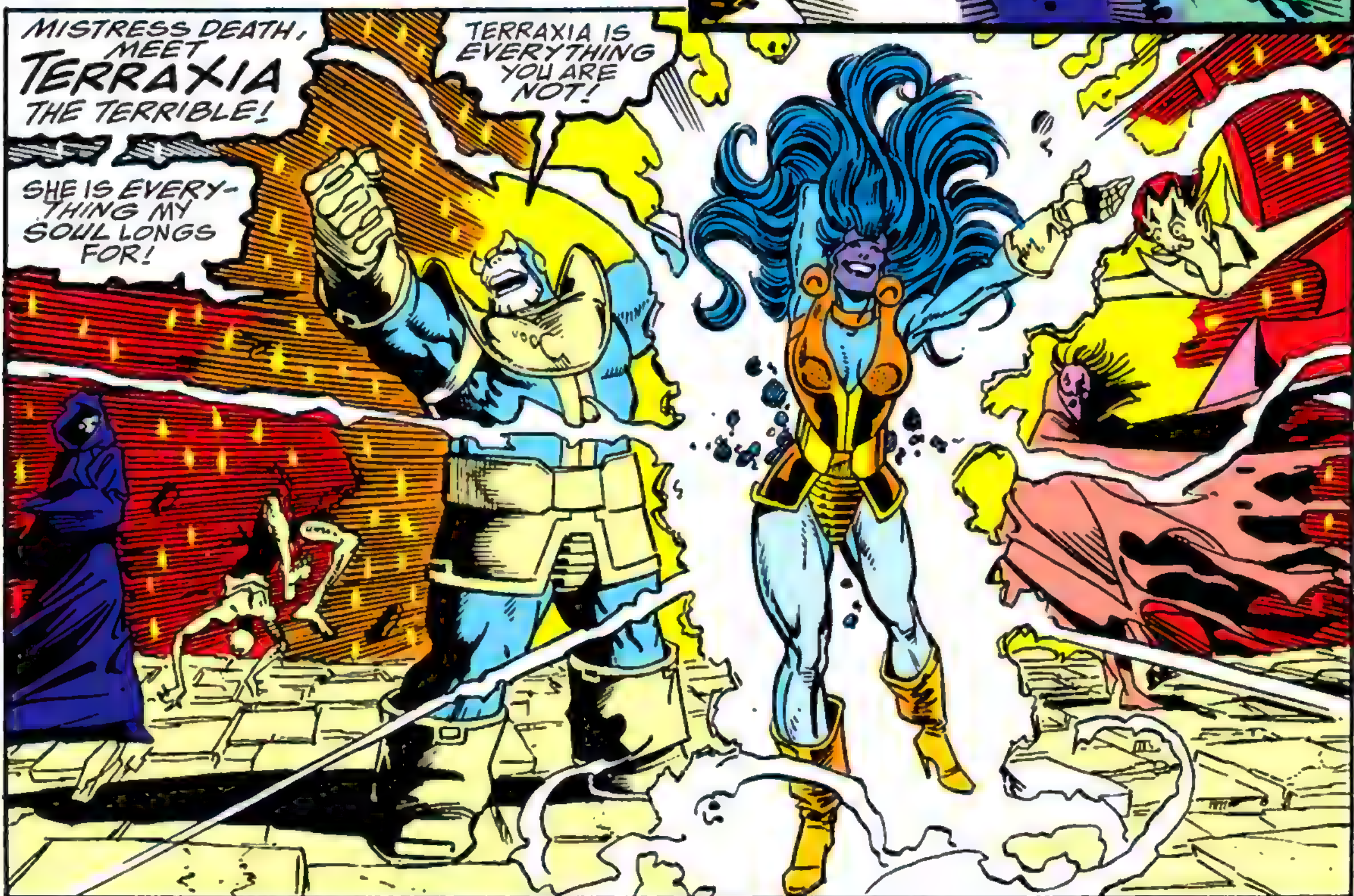
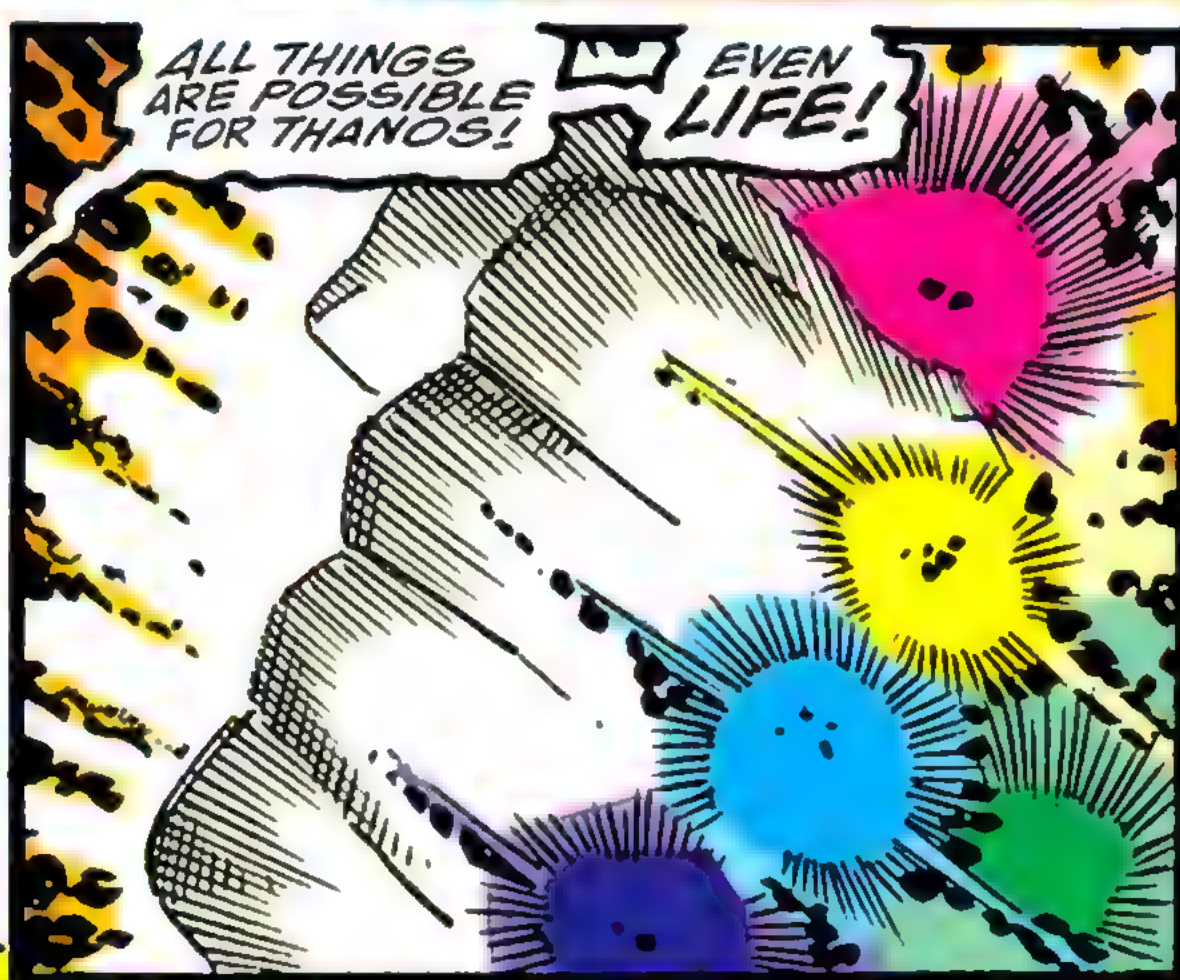
YOU'RE A BIT OF A MONSTER YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU, GOLDLOCKS?

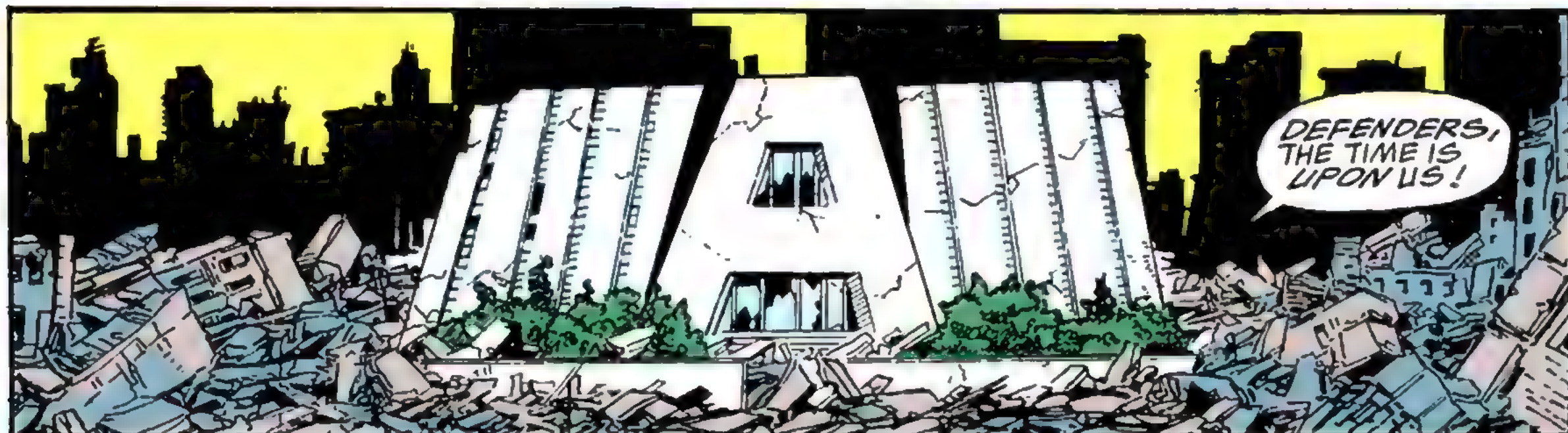
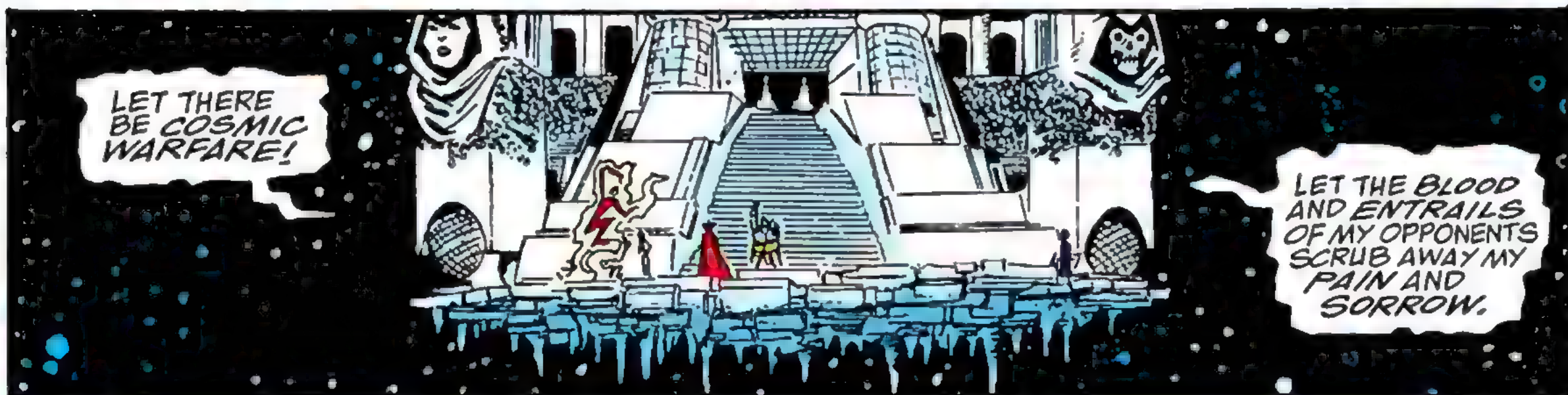
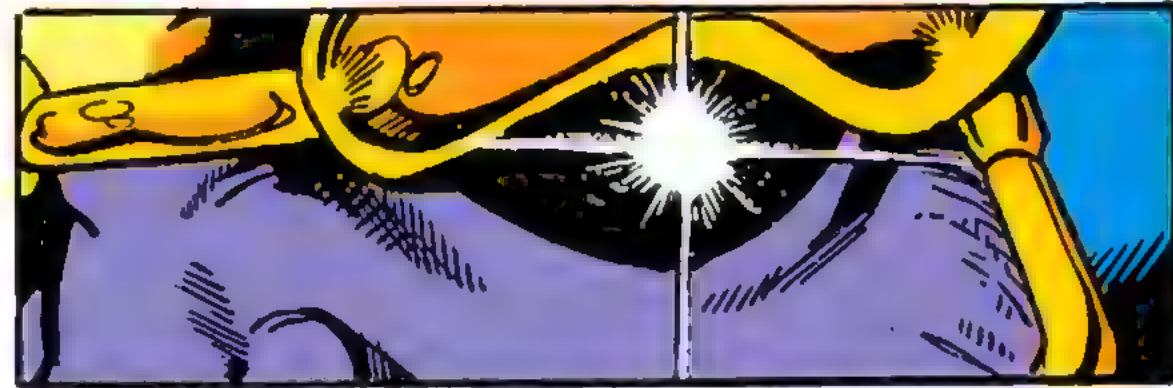
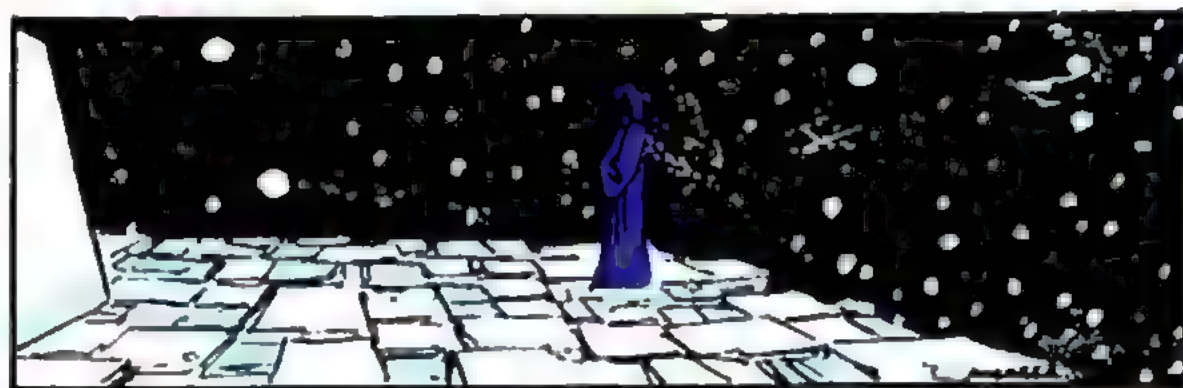
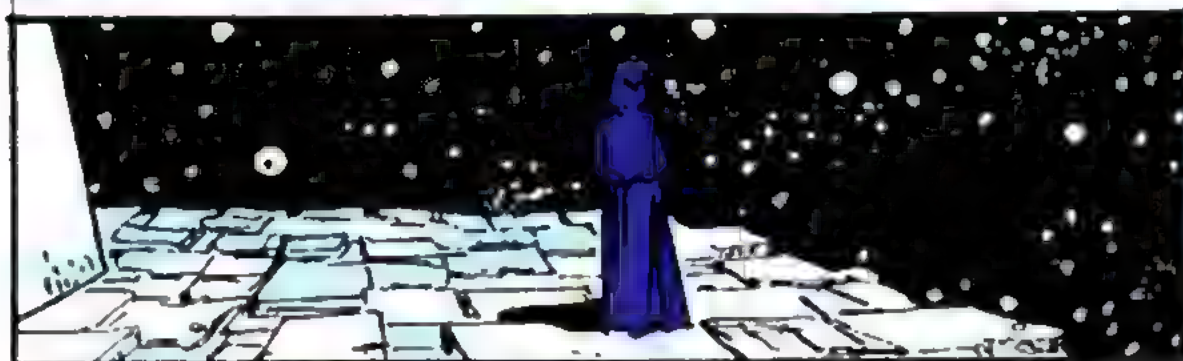
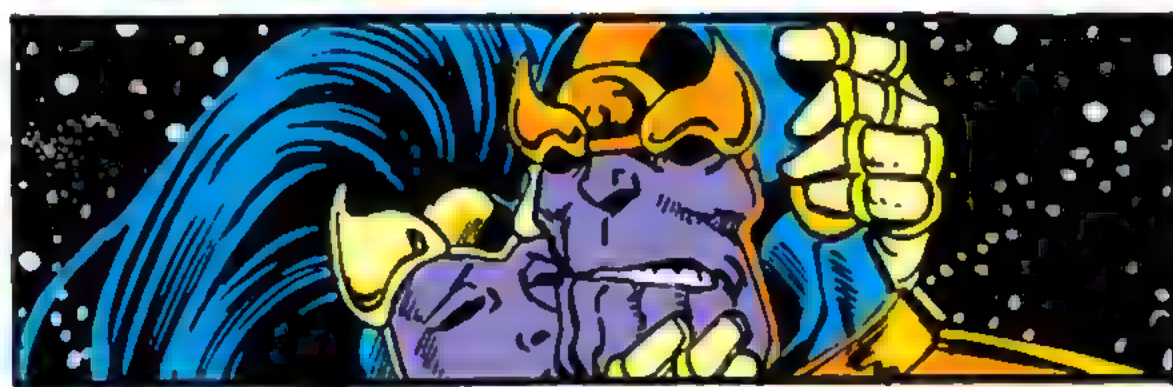
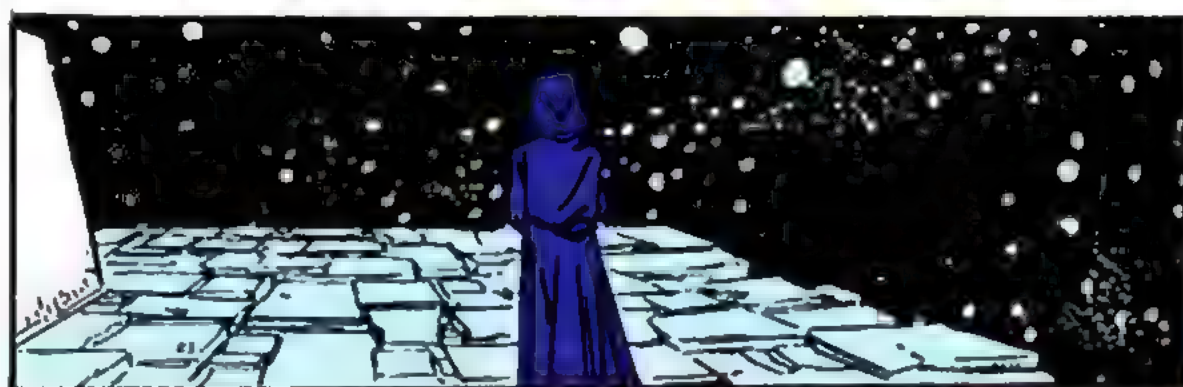
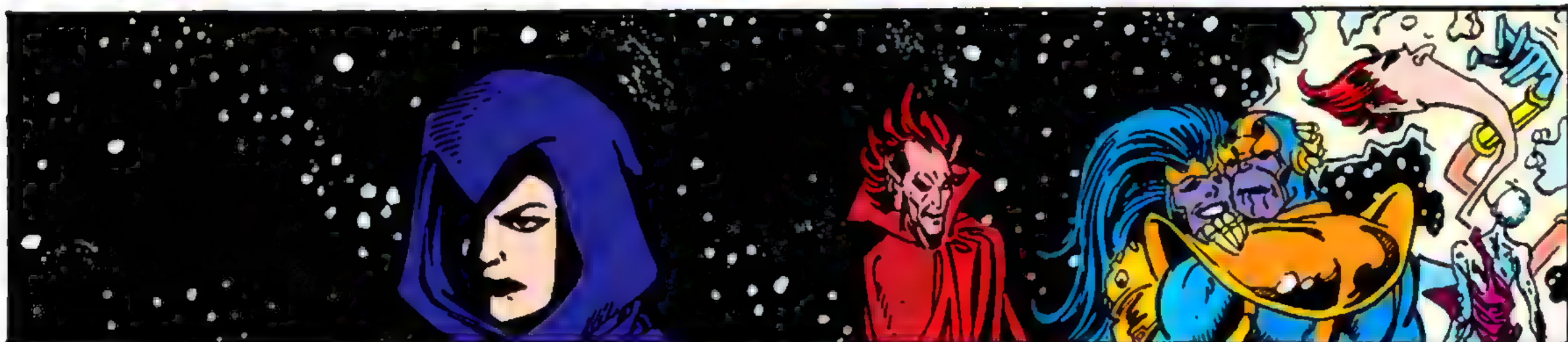
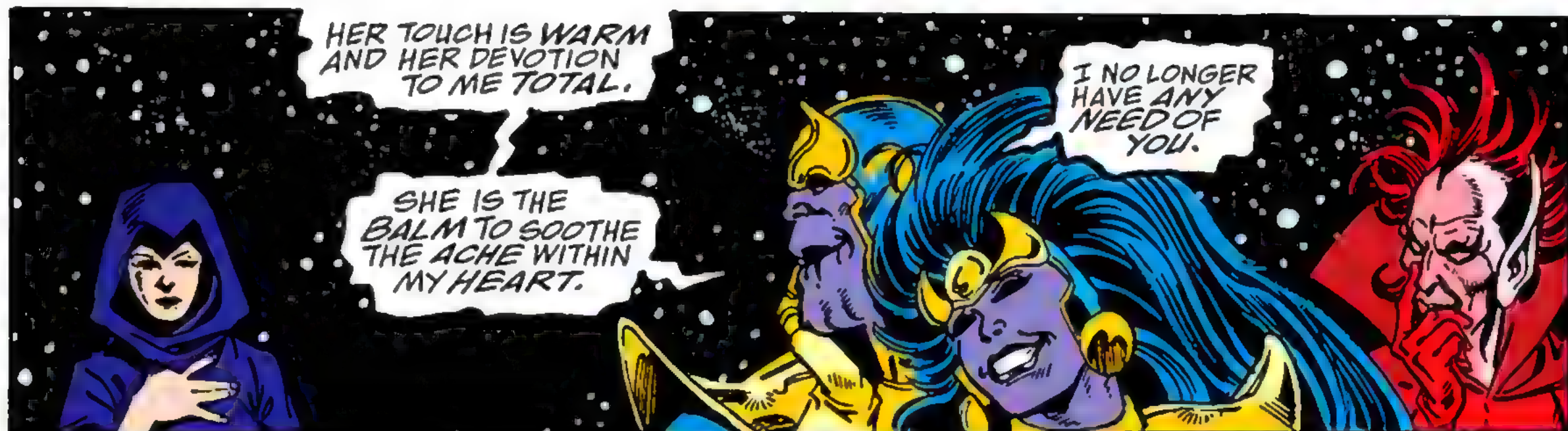


WE ARE WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE OF US.

SNOW?

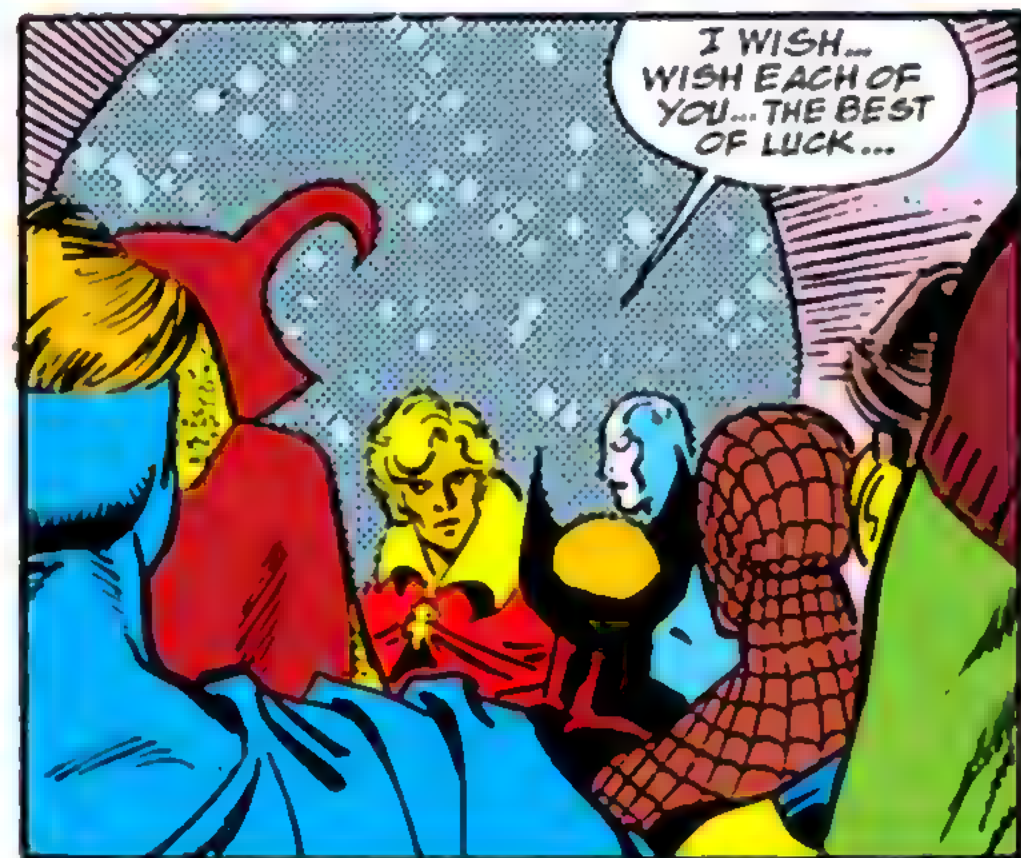
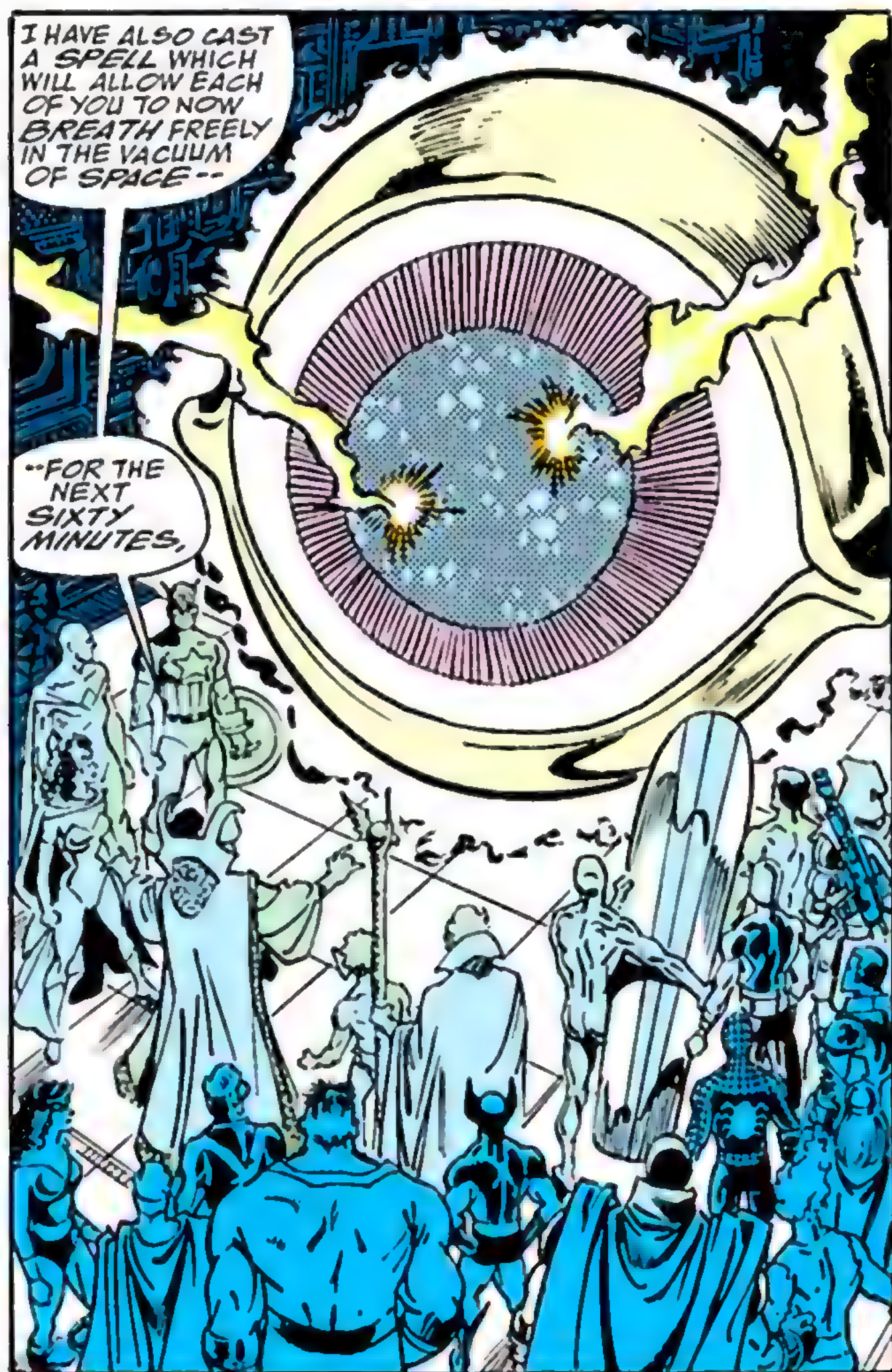
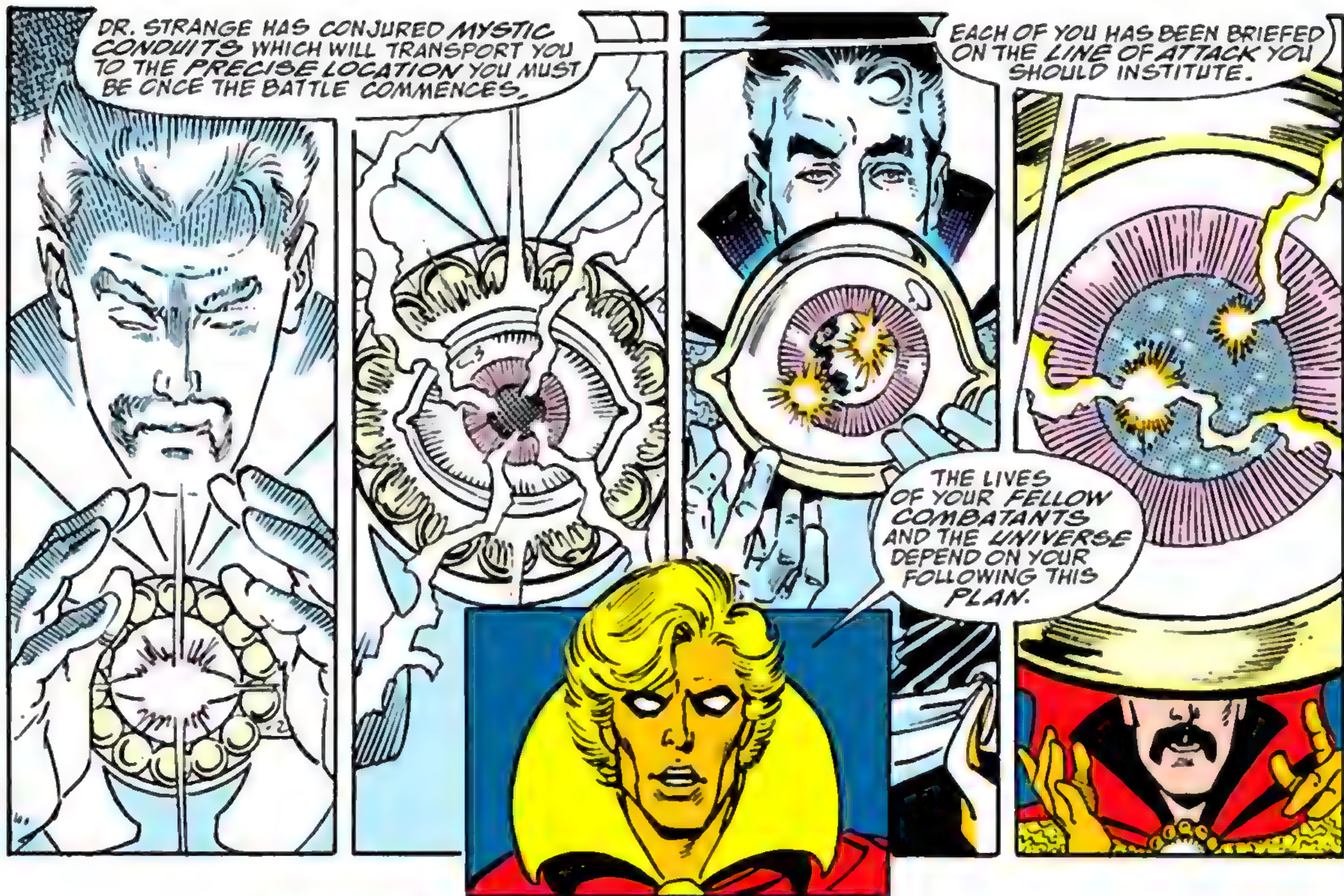
IN MAY?

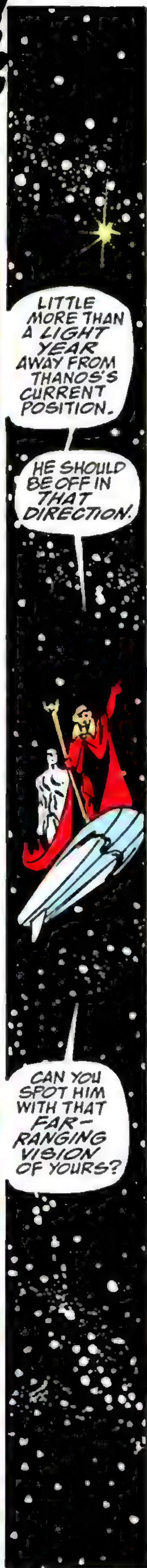
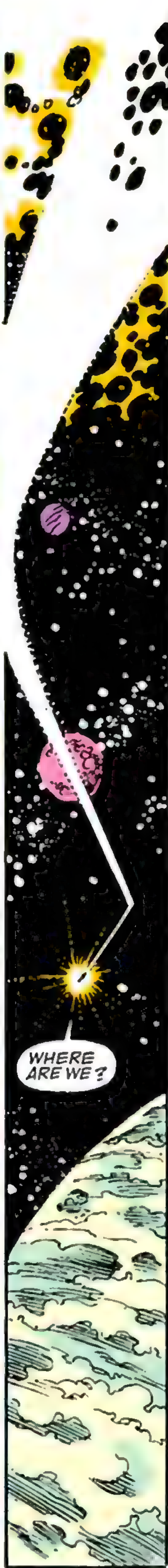
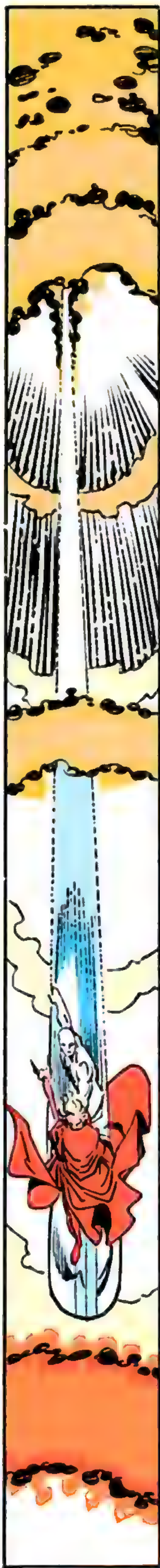
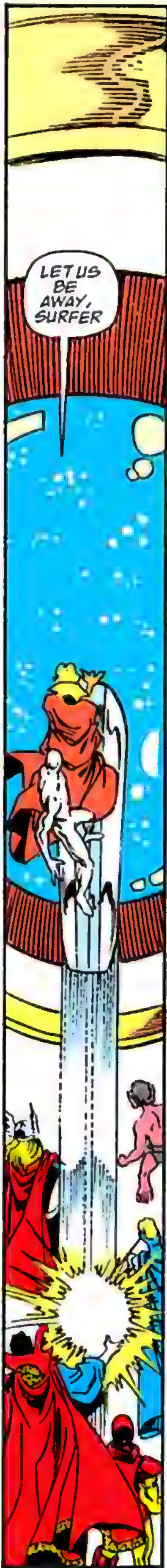






PREPARE
THYSELVES
FOR BATTLE
MOST
FIERCE
AND
AWE-
SOME.





LET US
BE
AWAY,
SURFER

LITTLE
MORE THAN
A LIGHT
YEAR
AWAY FROM
THANOS'S
CURRENT
POSITION.

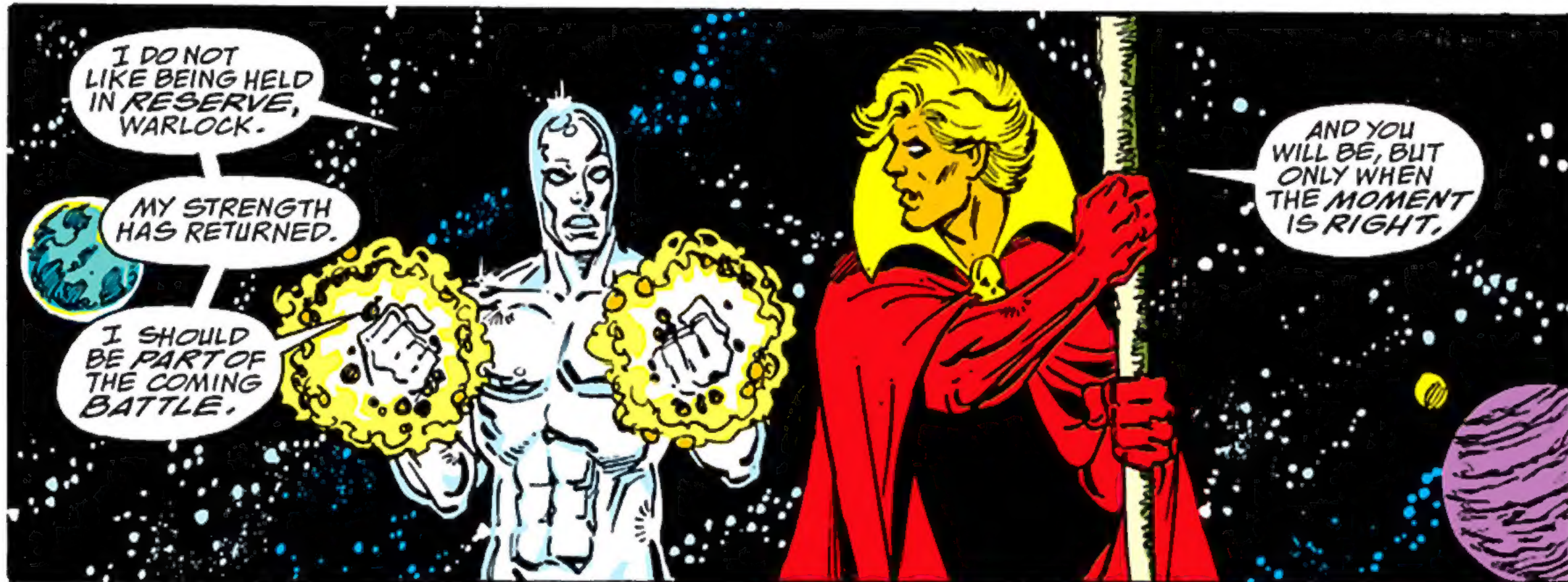
HE SHOULD
BE OFF IN
THAT
DIRECTION.

WHERE
ARE WE?

CAN YOU
SPOT HIM
WITH THAT
FAR-
RANGING
VISION
OF YOURS?

YES...

... HE'S
LOOKING
OUR
WAY.



I DO NOT
LIKE BEING HELD
IN RESERVE,
WARLOCK.

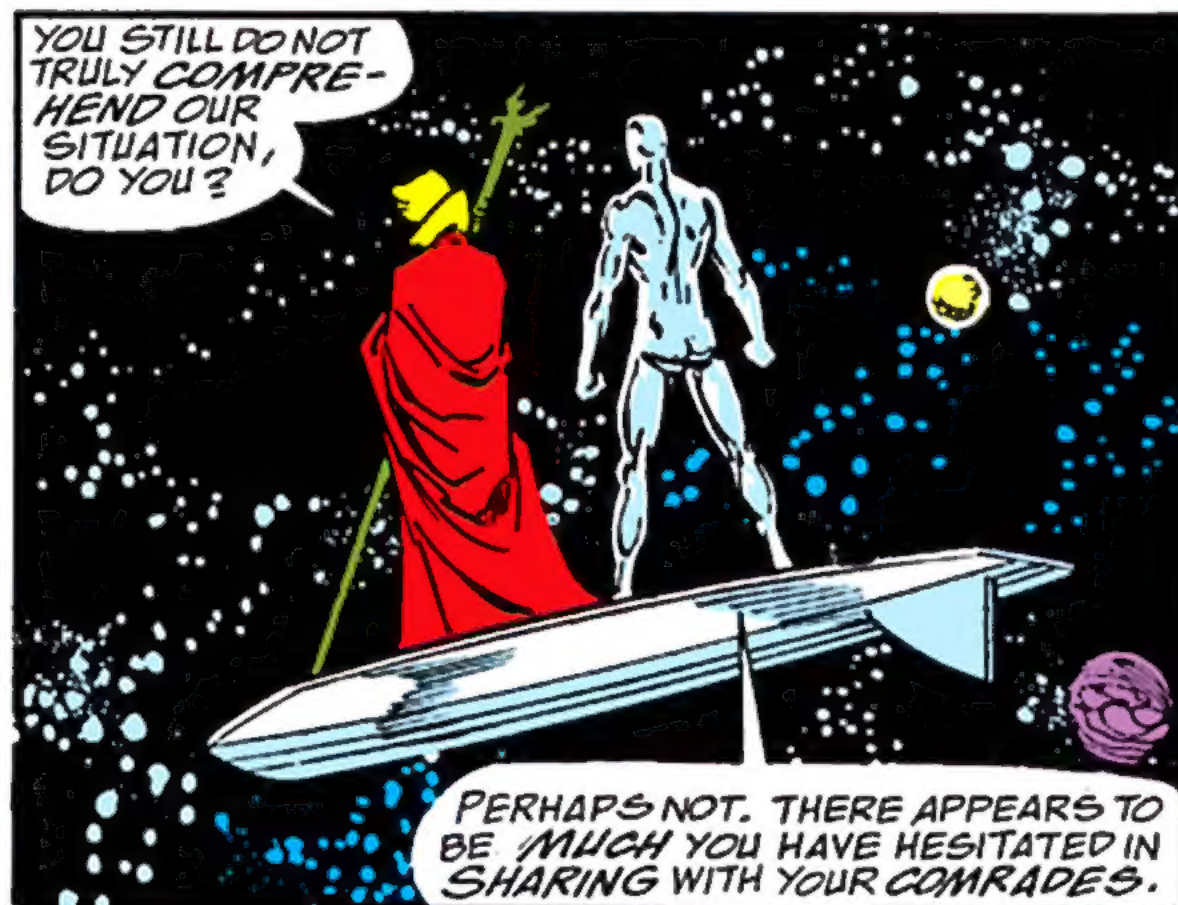
MY STRENGTH
HAS RETURNED.

I SHOULD
BE PART OF
THE COMING
BATTLE.

AND YOU
WILL BE, BUT
ONLY WHEN
THE MOMENT
IS RIGHT.

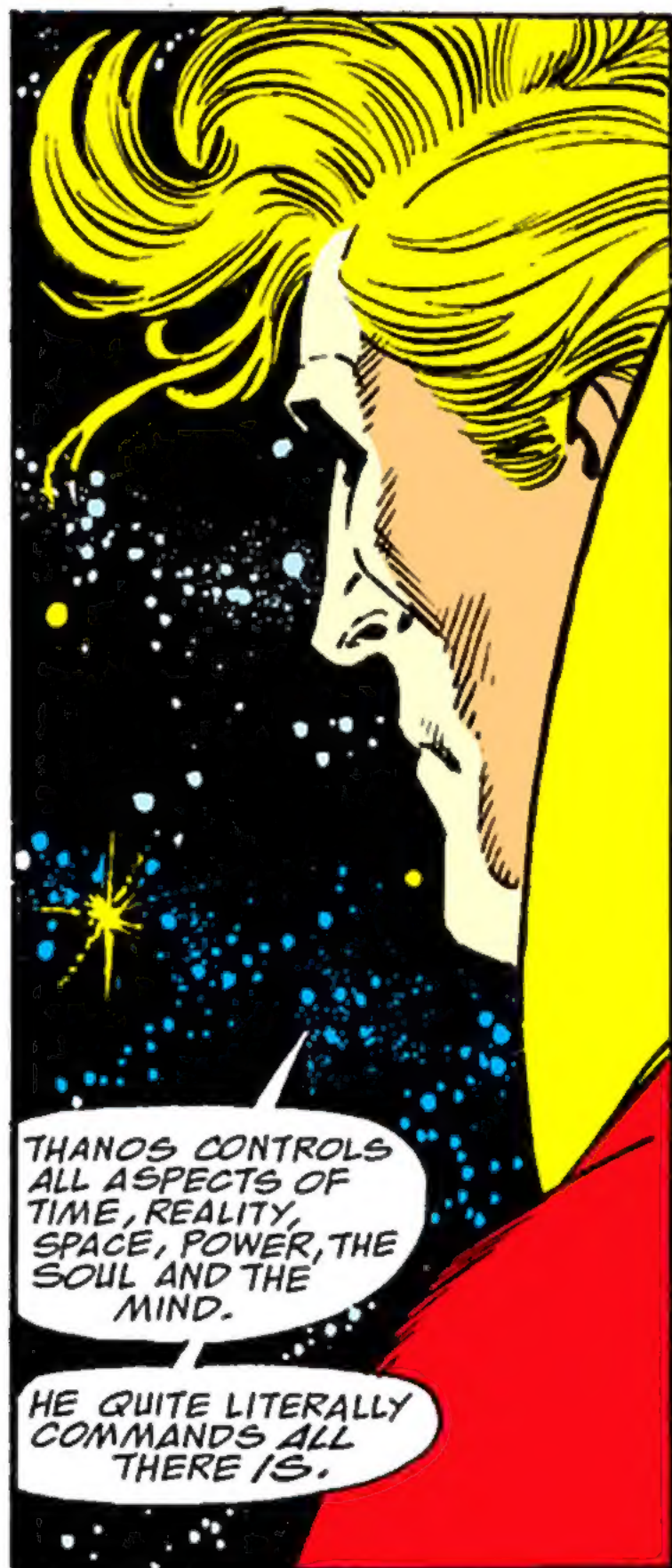


BUT OUR ALLIES
WILL NEED MY
POWER DURING
THE INITIAL
ASSAULT.



YOU STILL DO NOT
TRULY COMPRE-
HEND OUR
SITUATION,
DO YOU?

PERHAPS NOT. THERE APPEARS TO
BE MUCH YOU HAVE HESITATED IN
SHARING WITH YOUR COMRADES.



"HE IS TRULY
INVINCIBLE.

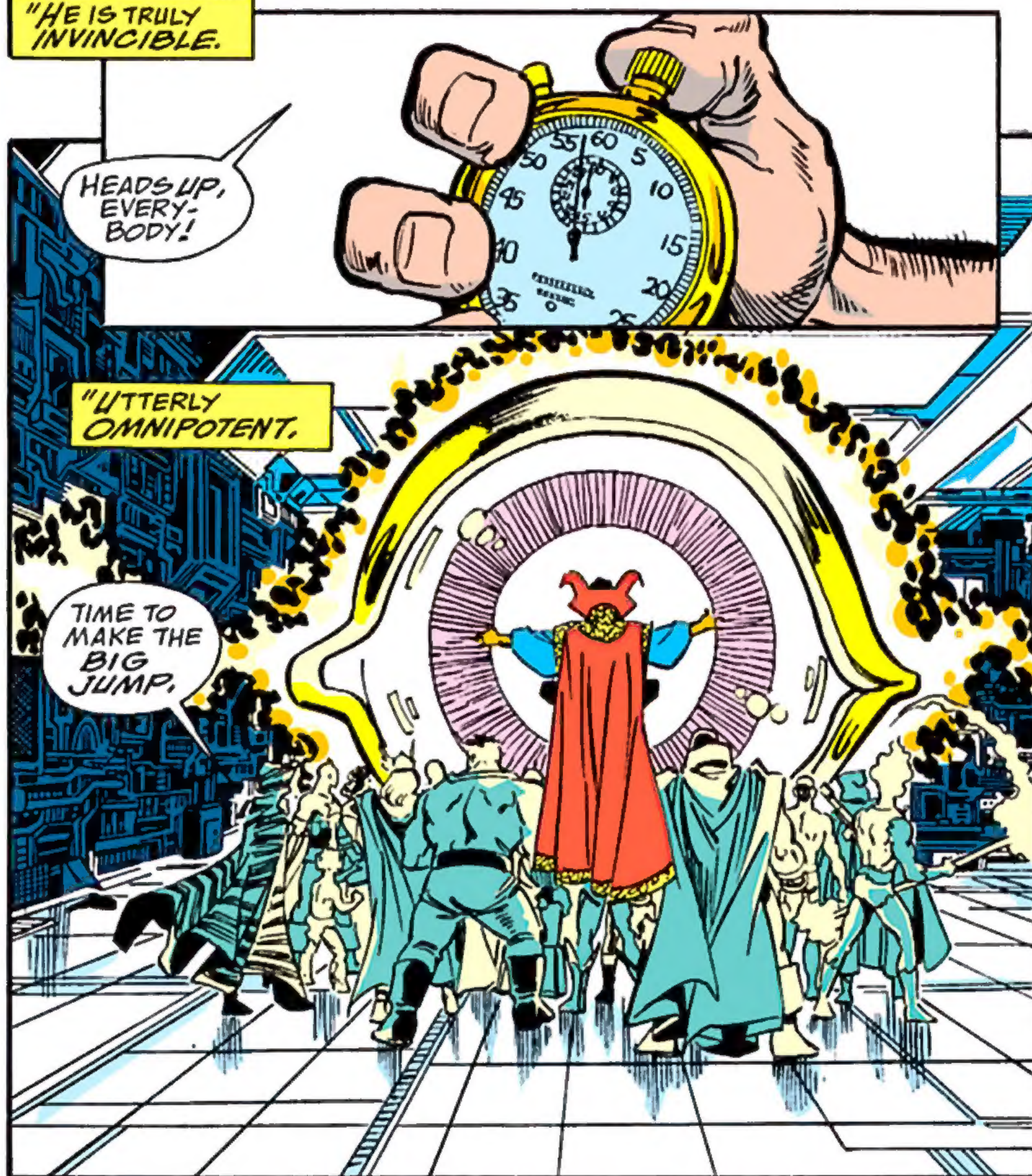
HEADS UP,
EVERY-
BODY!

"UTTERLY
OMNIPOTENT.

TIME TO
MAKE THE
BIG
JUMP.

THANOS CONTROLS
ALL ASPECTS OF
TIME, REALITY,
SPACE, POWER, THE
SOUL AND THE
MIND.

HE QUITE LITERALLY
COMMANDS ALL
THERE IS.



"SUCH STATEMENTS ARE NOT GRANDIOSE RHETORIC."

"THEY ARE REALITY!"

ON YOUR MARK...

GET READY...

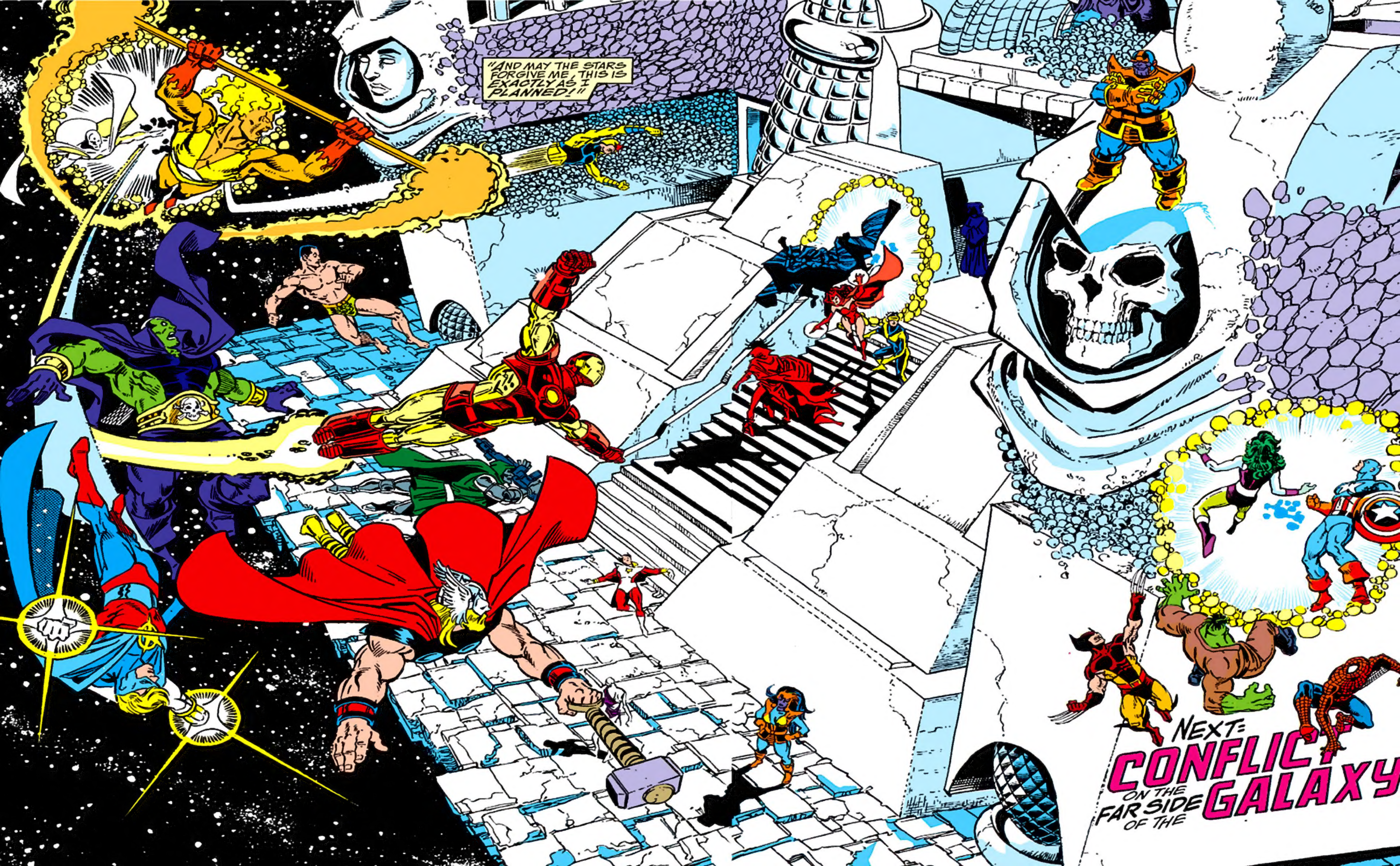
GET SET...

GO!

"OUR ALLIES' POWER IS LESS THAN NOTHING AGAINST THANOS' MIGHT. THEY STAND DEFEATED BEFORE THE BATTLE HAS EVEN BEGUN."

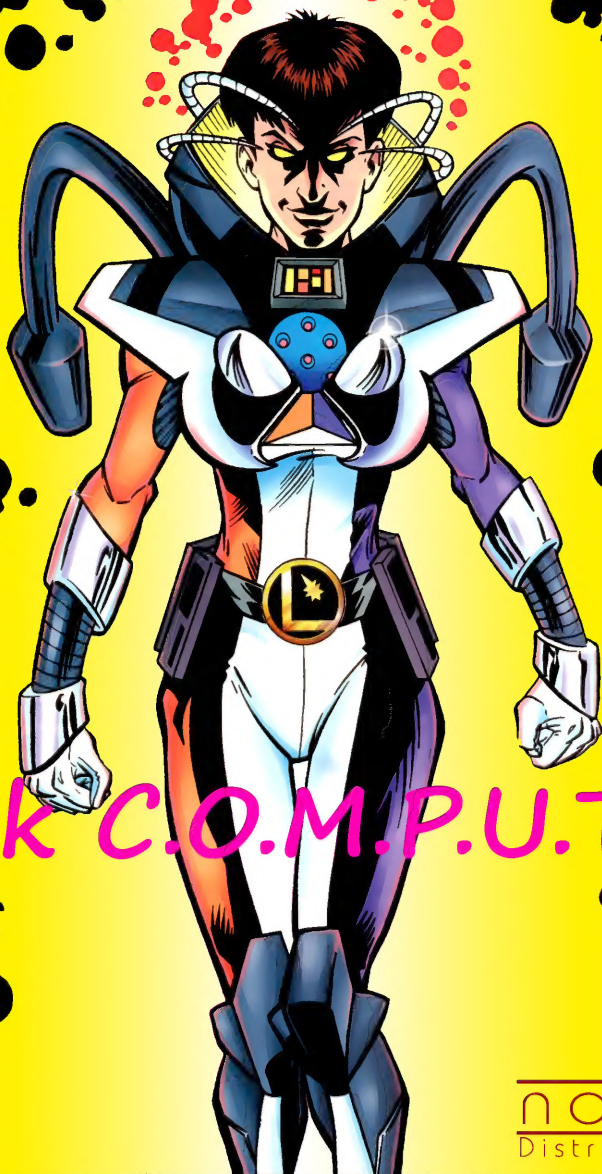
"THE TRUE PURPOSE OF THEIR ATTACK IS MERELY DIVERSIONARY."

"THEY ARE SACRIFICIAL LAMBS."



"AND MAY THE STARS FORGIVE ME, THIS IS EXACTLY AS I PLANNED!!"

NEXT:
CONFLICT
ON THE
FAR SIDE
OF THE **GALAXY**



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